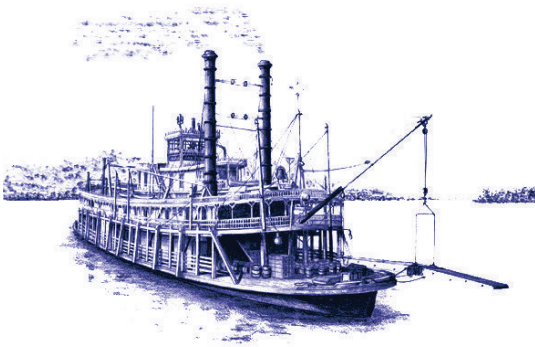
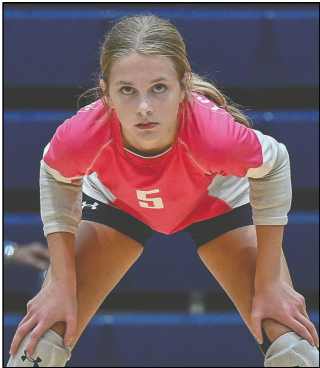






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Council holds first reading of riverfront ordinance

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Madison City Council held the much anticipated first reading of an ordinance to rezone a three block section of the city’s riverfront for potential development, heard public comment from more than two dozens residents — mostly against but some for the proposal — and received two sets of amendments from Council members

Joshua Schafer and Patrick Thevenow seeking to tweak the document prior to a second reading and possible adoption next month.

The ordinance, sponsored by Council members Josh Wilber and Lucy Datilo, seeks to amend the city’s zoning map and schedule of district regulations to create a Riverfront Development zone where now there is green space. The plan, which has been under consideration since the city purchased the former Madison Coal Company Property in 2021, was first announced in May and has since undergone several revisions based on public comment and other factors that have come up over the past five months.

At the center of the proposal is a plan to develop the vacant coal company property into up to 53 residential apartments, but the zoning change actually impacts all property on the north side of Vaughn Drive from Jefferson Street to St. Michaels Avenue and could include other developments as infill to current green space in the future.

Local residents once again showed up in numbers to follow the discussion and add their feedback during a public comment period that allowed up to 4 minutes per person with 28 people speaking over that 75-minute portion of the meeting.

The remarks were similar to those made in past public hearings. Most were not so much opposed to the rezoning as to a large apartment structure on the riverfront.

They claimed the structure would

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HDBR votes 4-1 to allow restroom on Sullivan House porch

BY BOB DEMAREE

The need to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements means a restroom and ramp will need to be included in Historic Madison Inc.’s plans for restoration of the circa 1820 Judge Jeremiah Sullivan House.

Approval was granted 4-1 by the city’s Historic District Board of Review (HDBR) at its meeting Monday for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for the bathroom to be placed within the footprint of the first floor porch with the ramp, but only after discussion and questioning of HMI Executive Director John Staicer.

Board members Jared Anderson, William Jewell, Ryan Rodgers and Happy Smith voted yes while Jed Skillman voted no. Chris Cody, a member of HMI board of directors, abstained along with Ken McWilliams, whose home is located just behind the Sullivan House, located at 304 West Second Street.

“We are starting the first major restoration of the house since we acquired it in 1960, at which time there were no rules regarding Americans with Disability Act, and Indiana building code requires any major rehabilitation of a public accessible property to provide a handicap accessible restroom,” said Staicer.

The restroom will be placed on the first floor of the two-story east side porch that will be reconstructed to remedy structural issues. Reconstruction of the porch requires all new framing from foundation to the roof. The exterior

Historic Madison Inc.’s plans for restoration of the circa 1820 Judge Jeremiah Sullivan House (pictured) include adding a ADA compliant bathroom and ramp on the side porch to meet federal disability requirements for renovations.

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Bob Demaree

54th Madison Chautauqua to feature 210 artists

BY BOB DEMAREE

This year’s 54th Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art will welcome 210 artists Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

“We are looking forward to a fun, cool, fall weekend along the Ohio River,” said Chautauqua Coordinator Kara Hinze.

Main Street is under construction between Mill and Broadway streets but Hinze said that area should be open all weekend for traffic. “We are doing the high school shuttle option again this year. We encourage people to use this service,” she said.

The shuttle allows for parking at the Madison Consolidated High School parking lot on the hilltop and drop off at Broadway and First streets in downtown Madison. The shuttle will run both days from 9:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. A \$5 pass is good for all weekend. Each rider needs their own ticket and will receive a wristband upon check-in. Tickets can be prepaid through Madtix or purchased day of with cash or credit card.

For the second consecutive year, the Chautauqua has added First Street between Broadway and Elm streets to its footprint, moving artists off Vine Street north of Second Street, allowing a continuous flow of traffic on Second Street in hopes of alleviating the heavier traffic on Main Street during the Chautauqua.

Beejay Elles, who painted this year’s Chautauqua art print of the Lanier Mansion Historic Site, will be signing prints at the information booth at Broadway and First streets 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, as well as noon to

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CHARLIE’S BEAT

Happy George delivers smiles and fun

If there is a more aptly named man than “Happy George” Napier, I haven’t met him yet. Happy George is happy to talk to me on the phone, happy to have discovered his true calling doing singing telegrams, and he’d be happy to live up your next party or life milestone!

Happy George, for those who have not had the pleasure of witnessing one of his short performances at a birthday, retirement, or engagement party, makes house calls delivering classic singing telegrams, with panache and infectious enthusiasm.

He and his wife Megan operate the small business out of their home in Salem, Indiana, and they’ve been doing it full time now for almost six years.

“Our territory is the entire United States,” explains George. “We’ve delivered grams in just about every single state, from Boston, to Florida, you name it. I’ve even done some ‘virtual’ singing telegrams for folks overseas!”

“But generally, as you can imagine, we do most of our work within driving distance of our home base. We do a bunch of jobs in Madison, and we love coming here. But we’ll drive to Atlanta or Nashville or Evansville or Indy or wherever people need a little musical happiness. I’d estimate I’ve done about 5,000 telegrams since I started.

“A lot of the jobs are for birthdays, so I sing that song a lot. I have The Happy George Theme Song I always include. But I also sing songs that everybody knows and anybody can sing along with, like You Are My Sunshine, or Happy and You Know It. I’ll also write a custom song for certain special occasions sometimes.

“I actually have a background in



CHARLIE ROHLFING

music going way back. I had a band called Seedus that toured around quite a bit and had a pretty good following. But about eight years ago I kind of fell into the telegram thing, and it has been so much fun and we’ve been quite successful with it.”

It takes a special kind of personality to just insert yourselves into people’s lives and endeavor to entertain them for a few minutes. I asked George about any especially memorable jobs he’s done over the years.

“Well yeah, there was this one guy who was having a birthday, and an out of town relative paid me to go to his house and sing for him. He came to the door, but as soon as he saw me and got the gist, he was having none of it. He started to slam the door, but I stuck my foot in the crack and just kept singing! I figured, I’d been paid to do a telegram, and by gosh, I was gonna

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Air show Saturday an opportunity to experience aviation

BY BOB DEMAREE

The Madison Air Show is back Saturday, an annual tradition now in its 24th year at Madison Regional Airport.

“If you have never been to an air show or to an airport, the annual air show is a good way to experience general aviation and be able to experience the thrill and sights and sounds of high performance flights with all their various maneuvers,” said Brian Hemmer, assistant airport director.

It’s an all day event but the actual air show begins at 1 p.m. with aerobatic performances featuring various types of aircrafts. “We are doing a loose Vietnam theme with a lot of aircraft from the era,” said Hemmer noting the main attractions will be the Fairchild C-123K Provider “Thunder Pig,” Douglas AC-47 “Spooky 71” Gunship, DC-3 “Flagship Detroit” and Douglass A-1 Skyraider “Bad News.”

Before and after the air show, there will be rides, food and music from the band, Fifth Seal, from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. then beginning again at 4 p.m. with the event ending at approximately 6 p.m.

There will also be ground tours of the C-123K Provider “Thunder Pig” and the AC-47 “Spooky 71” Gunship. The Kilroy Military Vehicle Club and the U.S. G.I. Military Vehicle and History Group are teaming up to present a joint display of historic military vehicles and educational exhibits.

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Pursuit in eastern Jefferson County leads to 4 arrests

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A high speed pursuit in eastern Jefferson County on Tuesday resulted in the arrest of four Madison residents.

Noah Flint Jones, 19, was charged with two counts of Resisting Law Enforcement, a Level 6 felony; Criminal Confinement, a Level 6 felony; Resisting Law Enforcement by fleeing on foot, a Class A misdemeanor; and Operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a misdemeanor.

Elijah Noel Mack, 20, was charged with Resisting Law Enforcement by fleeing on foot, a Class A misdemeanor. Rafael Gonzalez and Makenzie Marie Adams, both 18, were charged with Assisting a Criminal, a Level 6 felony.

All four suspects were lodged in the Jefferson County Jail where they are being held without bond pending a court arraignment.

The pursuit began when Jefferson County Sheriff's



Noah Flint Jones



Elijah Noel Mack



Rafael Gonzalez



Makenzie Marie Adams

deputies James Richards and Trent Smith were on patrol on Brooksbury-Manville Road and they met a black BMW traveling at a high rate of speed in the opposite direction, nearly colliding with their patrol vehicle.

The deputies turned to pursue the vehicle and attempted to initiate a traffic stop. It was later learned this same vehicle was also being investigated by the City of Madison for also refusing to stop in downtown Madison prior to this incident.

The black BMW, which was not displaying a license plate, failed to yield to emergency lights and sirens and fled, prompting a vehicle pursuit. The

pursuit traveled across multiple roadways in the eastern portion of the county and at times created extremely hazardous conditions for deputies, other motorists and pedestrians.

On several occasions deputies temporarily lost sight of the BMW but received assistance from citizens to relocate the vehicle and allow them to keep pursuing the vehicle to pull over.

The pursuit concluded at approximately 6:56 p.m. when the black BMW attempted to turn from Halls Ridge onto Wright Hill and lost control, sliding off the roadway. The driver and passenger exited the vehicle and fled on foot.

Chief Deputy Laura

Pickel and her K-9 partner, Kuno, were immediately behind the vehicle and Kuno was deployed. Mack, the passenger, surrendered after seeing K-9 Kuno, a short time after running and was taken into custody. K-9 Kuno was then used to track and assist in the apprehension of Jones, the driver.

Officers located an additional white BMW in the immediate area. The vehicle was operated by Gonzalez and occupied by Adams who were charged with assisting a criminal after further investigation revealed they had been contacted by Jones to assist him in attempting to elude law enforcement.

The investigation is ongoing, and additional charges may be filed as evidence is reviewed.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office received assistance from the City of Madison Police Department, Indiana State Police and the Switzerland County Sheriff's Office.

POLICE REPORTS

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER Lodgings

Sept. 23, 2025

MaKenzie Marie Adams, 18, Madison, for Assisting a Criminal, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

Robert D. Collins, 42, Clarksville, Indiana, on a court-ordered sentencing for probation violation. No bond.

Gavin Tyler Etherton, 21, Hanover, on a Jefferson County warrant for probation violation. Bond \$5,000 cash.

Rafael Gonzalez, 18, Madison, for Assisting a Criminal, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

Austin Matthew Jones, 37, Madison, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant (theft). Bond \$5,000 cash.

Noah Flint Jones, 19, Madison, for Resisting Law Enforcement-2 Counts and Criminal Confinement, all Level 6 felonies; Resisting Law Enforcement and Operating Without Ever Obtaining a License-Prior Unrelated Conviction, both Class A misdemeanors. No bond.

Elijah Noel Mack, 20, Madison, for Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

Dalton Dakota Rowlett, 27, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor; and on bench warrant and a warrant for probation violation. Bond a combined \$6,000 cash.

Ryan Paul Shriver, 40, Madison, on a warrant for probation violation. Bond \$5,000 cash.

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Stephanie Bear, 42, Madison, for Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. Released on own recognizance.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT Sentencings

Sept. 22, 2025

Tyler S. Field, Austin, 29, Indiana, for Operating While Intoxicated, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended except for 5 actual days with credit for 1 day jail served and 725 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$789.50 in fees and court costs and 365-day loss of driver's license with specialized driving privileges.

Adrienne Elisabeth Johnson, 25, Madison, to an amended charge of

Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended except 10 days, served, with 720 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$639 in fees and court cost and No Contact Order to continue as term of probation.

Sierra Nicole Metcalfe, 31, Madison, to amended charges of Intimidation and Resisting Law Enforcement, both Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction on each count, concurrent and all suspended except for 96 days, served, with 425 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$589 in fees and court costs and No Contact Order to continue as a term of probation.

Gregorio Rangel Dias, 49, Deputy, Indiana, for Operating Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$189.50 court costs.

Jose Ivan Sollano, 20, Clarksville, Indiana, to an amended charge of Operating a Vehicle Without Financial Responsibility, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail, all suspended to 180 days supervised probation, plus \$289.50 in fees and court costs.

Jason Dare Bowles, 52, Scottsburg, Indiana, for Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended except 4 days, served, with 361 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs and 30-day loss of driver's license.

Sept. 23, 2025

James Derron Emery, Madison, to amended charges of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Serious Violent Felon, a Level 4 felony, and Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 6 years at Indiana Department of Correction on each charge, concurrent, with credit for 303 days jail served plus \$789 in fees and court costs.

Johnny Ray Clark, 24, Hanover, to an amended charge of Criminal Recklessness with a Deadly Weapon, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction, with credit for 8 days jail served and 537 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$789 in fees and court costs and No Contact Order to continue as condition of pro-

bation.

Deyvn Taylor Thomas Broadus, 29, Madison, for Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 112 days jail, fully executed, served, plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

Josephine Elizabeth Miller, 37, Madison, to an amended charge of Unlawful Possession of Legend Drug, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 180 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 162 days jail served plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

Ethan Pichardo, 18, Madison, for Operating a Vehicle Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail, plus \$189.50 court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Jefferson County

Sept. 22, 2025

Brian Marshall to Summer B. Marshall, 201 Plum Street, Madison.

Susan Smith to Dahlton Thoman Lee Smith, 5596 West Chicken Run Road, Madison.

Kenneth W. Garrett Jr. and Melinda Garrett to Charles E. Loudon Jr. and Victoria A. Loudon, 623 East First Street, Madison.

Tall Oaks LLC to Tall Oaks LLC, 8951 North Middlefork Road, Dupont.

Tall Oaks LLC to Rebekah Worley, 8951 North Middlefork Road, Dupont.

Randal G. Manauha, Barbara J. Manauha and Sharon Thompson to Anthony Hulman and Lisa A. Hulman, 2286 and 2294 South Bluff Run Road, Hanover.

Christy L. Jackson to Christy L. Jackson, Keith Mefford, Annagela Roberts, Jeffrey Jackson and Kristi Jackson, 1651 West 500 North, Madison.

Mabel Bernice Standing (deceased) and Paul Douglas Standing to Kenneth W. Garrett, 306 Highland Avenue, Madison.

James W. Melton and Janice Melton to Melinda Garrett, 423 East Fourth Street, Madison.

Sept. 23, 2025

Douglas L. Pyles and Linda C. Pyles to Douglas L. Pyles and Linda C. Pyles Living Revocable Trust, Douglas L. Pyles and Linda C. Pyles (life estates), 1512 Bear Street, Madison.

Jennifer Elise Griffin, Nicholas Fontaine Scott, Deborah Ann Brown (deceased) and Jennifer Elise Griffin to Nicholas

Fontaine Scott and Jennifer Elise Griffin, approximately 13.5 acres at 3731 East Wolf Run Road, Madison.

Jennifer Elise Griffin, Jennifer Elise Griffin, Nicholas Fontaine Scott and Deborah Ann Brown (deceased) to Nicholas Fontaine Scott and Jennifer Elise Griffin, approximately 7.3 acres at 3651+ East Wolf Run Road, Madison.

Jama Poston and Perry Poston (estate) to Jama Poston, Jessika Daughtery and Joshua Poston, 5 parcel of approximately 63 acres at 8000+, 8500+ and 8942 East Brushy Fork Road, Madison.

Daniel H. Graber to Daniel H. Graber and Anna H. Graber, approximately 36 acres of 10000+ West 350 South, Lexington.

Jennifer Elise Griffin, Deborah Ann Brown (deceased), Nicholas Fontaine Scott and Jennifer Elise Griffin to Jennifer Elise Griffin and Nicholas Fontaine Scott, 3351 East Wolf Run Road, Madison.

Reuben Schwartz and Lavina Schwartz to Reuben Schwartz and Lavina Schwartz, 9051+ North Higgins Ridge Road, Canaan.

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James Douglas Pendleton to Jonathan E. Pendleton and Lindsay Marie Pendleton, 55.9 acres at 11599+ North West Fork Road, Madison.

Jonathon Elihue Pendleton and Lindsay Marie Pendleton to James Douglas Pendleton, approximately 10 acres at 11599+ North West Fork Road, Madison.

Kevin Harvey and Maria Bush (deceased) to Kevin Harvey, 63 South Main Cross Street, Hanover.

Robert Horton and Jerry Horton (estate) to Julie A. Thieman, 609 West Second Street, Madison.

B.E. Dream Homes LLC to Sharon Hampton, 515 East Street, Madison.

Fast Properties LLC to Benjamin D. Sommer, approximately 10 acres at 6157 West State Road 56, Hanover.

Hanover Mobile Village Corp. to Phillips Development Inc., 155 Dunn Avenue, Hanover.

Chandler A. Cole and Emma G. Patrick to Austin S. Brunner, 132 Hillcrest Drive, Madison.

Rodney T. Asher to Easton Asher and Ginny Asher, approximately 4 acres at 11678 North Jefferson Road, Madison.

FUNERALS

Bernita M. Baurley, 74, of Versailles, IN, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, at University of Cincinnati Medical Center in Cincinnati Mass of Christian Burial was Thursday, Sept. 25, at St. Patrick's Chapel in Madison, IN, with burial in the St. Magdalene Cemetery at Madison Arrangements by Stratton-Karsteter Funeral Home in Versailles, www.skfuneralhome.com.

E. Noreen Moore, 94, of Pendleton, KY, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, at her residence. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday Oct. 25, at Sligo Baptist Church in Pendleton with internment in the Sligo Cemetery there. Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, Ky, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

W. Powell Raisor, 83, of Carrollton KY, died Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025, in Miamisburg, OH.

Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at Carrollton I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Carrollton. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Marjorie Sloan, 77, of Madison, IN, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, at Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover, IN. Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at First Christian Church of

Hanover in Hanover, IN, with interment at a later date in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Madison's hilltop. Arrangements by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Norma L. Stoner, 91, of New Washington, IN, died Monday, Sept. 22, 2025, in New Washington. Funeral service is 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Grayson Funeral Home in New Washington with burial at Crown Hill Cemetery there, www.graysonfuneralhome.com.

Peggy Wise Webster, 81, formerly of Bedford, KY, died Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025, at Parkside Health and Rehabilitation Center in Deland, FL. Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, Ky, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Thomas Earl Wilson II, 62, of Orlando, FL, died Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025 in Orlando. Internment will be in Pittsburgh, PA, with his wife and her family. Local arrangements by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Earl Kennett Wright Jr., 83, of Madison, Indiana, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison. Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 26

Brian Jones

Sept. 27

Scott Steinhardt

Sept. 29

Schuyler Edwards

Kealee Hafer - 11

Kevin Kellems

Sept. 30

Sue Siekman

Oct. 1

Cindy Shirley

Oct. 2

Troy Hedges

Traci Lytle

Oct. 3

Jordan Ray

Oct. 4

Larry Childress

Dave "Tank" Sherman - 74

ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 28

Randy & Sheri Rogers

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:32 a.m.

Sunset: 7:33 p.m.

Temperature: High 74, Low 54, Mean 64.0, Deficit 10.4

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Precipitation, September 2025: 4.52

Precipitation, 2025: 45.89

Barometer 29.97, Falling

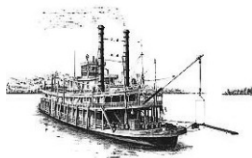
River Level at Clifty Creek:

421.89 feet, Falling

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Sunday: Sunny High 84/Low 55; Monday: Mostly sunny

High 83/Low 59; Tuesday: Partly cloudy High 81/Low 58.



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Cash 4 Life: 20-30-37-43-44 CB: 2 (9/24)

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 13-15-23-30 CB: 19 (9/24)

Lucky For Life 3-26-29-40-45 LB: 3 (9/24)

MEGAMILLIONS: 13-24-41-42-70 MB: 18 (9/23) Next Jackpot: \$474 million Next Drawing (9/24)

POWERBALL: 15-31-45-49-53 PB: 19, PP 3 (9/20). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$113 million Next Drawing (9/27)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 10-21-23-30-56 PB: 25 (9/24). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (9/27)

Sunset Vigil



Mark Campbell

The sun sets over the Ohio River as a group of local residents gathers for a candle — and phone — light vigil at Bicentennial Park Sunday night. The group announced the gathering on social media to mourn the Mississippi hanging deaths of a 21-year-old Delta State University student who was found hanging from a tree on campus Sept. 15 and the death of a 36-year-old Brandon man who found later in the day near a casino in Vicksburg.

Hanover hears options for sidewalks, streetscapes

BY BOB DEMAREE

Plans for sidewalks and streetscapes for the town of Hanover were presented Tuesday to the town council that soon will also be shared with community residents and stakeholders.

The funding for the sidewalks and streetscape improvements is coming from \$4 million the town of Hanover was allocated as part of the \$30 million College and Community Collaboration (CCC) Grant awarded by Lilly Endowment Inc. to Hanover College.

The focus is on two areas — the intersection of State Road 56 and Kuntz Road that includes installation of a traffic light, and core areas of the town on Madison Avenue, Main Street and Main Cross Street.

Luckett & Farley architectural firm, hired as the project engineer, presented designs by company representatives Matt Gullo and Tanner Prewitt who established connection, health, authenticity, sustainability and equity as guidelines for planning the sidewalks and streetscapes.

Prewitt said connections involve connecting people to different places, health indicates physical wellness and safety, authenticity determines how it aligns to the town's character, sustainability refers to creating something that lasts and doesn't

negatively challenge maintenance capabilities, and equity provides accessibility and use by people of all abilities and ages.

"We believe these are goals for the community regardless of these projects. These are things everybody should be shooting for in terms of how these projects address the needs of the town," Prewitt said.

Various items were proposed for the sidewalks and streetscapes that Gullo said "all of this from planning standpoint. The budget will tell you how much you can and want to put in."

But Gullo said the work that is being done will make a significant positive impact on Hanover's future. "Streetscapes become one of the biggest drivers for new investment. It means when you start to develop streetscapes, it means the town is investing in itself, therefore they want to see somebody come in and develop" that "invigorates" the community.

There was discussion about a need to reach out to representatives of the Shell gas station, Subway and McDonald's restaurants in the 400 block of East Lagrange Road where Gullo said a drive that goes between the businesses is actually owned by a Taco Bell that is supposed to be built north of there.

"There's a lot going on that

needs to be address from a property standpoint, from an access standpoint, just to clean up, then once those decisions have been made, at a late phase we can plan sidewalks correctly there," said Gullo.

Council Vice President Treva Shelton said she will work towards a meeting with all of the entities in that area to find a solution.

In other business, Council President Debbie Kroger said Midwestern Engineering, which has served the town for several years, has been acquired by CHA Consulting, requiring town council approval that allows reassignment to CHA to handle the engineering needs, which was approved. Soon, the town will be utilizing CHA in seeking bids for crack filling, striping and seal coating on Main Street, Madison Avenue, Main Cross Street, Thornton Road and East Kuntz Road. The town was awarded a \$178,110 Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG). With the town's 25% match at \$59,370, that made the total amount available for work \$237,480.

Also, Kroger said a new Dollar General at 4152 West State Road 56 next to Fast Pace Health has hopes of opening by the end of next week, but that Indiana Department of Transportation is wanting a blister road to be completed.

(although Friday has plenty of options, too). Saturday has music happening all around downtown, including at the Off Broadway Taproom, which is one of my favorite spots to catch a show. There's also some music to be had on the hill-top at the VFW, which is open to the public on Saturday. The Five Piece Chicken Dinner Band with Joe and Deano at Mad Paddle will be a very lively and fun event, building on a summer-long string of great nights at the old Mad Pad, thanks to new owners Travas and Brenda. Big hat tip to them for bringing that awesome venue to life!

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE Friday, Sept. 26

Riverboat Inn – Joe & Deano
1st Street Saloon – DJ
Mad Paddle Brewstillery – Dylan West Band (8-11 p.m.)
TIKI LIVE – L&L Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

Saturday, Sept. 27

Riverboat Inn – Gary Brown
1st Street Saloon – The Legacy Band
Mad Paddle Brewstillery – Five Piece Chicken Dinner Band with Joe & Deano
The Farmers Market – Jonah & Noah VFW – Old Mill Creek Band (7-11 p.m.)
Thomas Family Winery – Slick River Rockets (8 p.m.)
Off Broadway Taproom – Jimmy Davis Band (8-11 p.m.)
TIKI LIVE – L&L Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
TIMELESS LIVE – Hoosier Daddy Bank (8 p.m.-midnight)

Barber shop expansion to restore historic garage doors

BY BOB DEMAREE

An office building that was built as a gas station 65 years ago will regain some of that former look after restoration of the original garage doors received a Certification of Appropriateness (COA) by the Historic District Board of Review at its meeting Monday.

Patric Guy, owner of That Guy's Barbershop, said he is expanding his barber shop, located at 1203 West Main Street, after Jackson Hewitt Tax Service moved out of the building.

"I found these marvelous garage doors behind the wall" that was covering them in the front of the building. "They're all original — all wood, still original glass. I've got to strip the paint off the windows, but other than that if I can remove the brick wall," the plan is to leave them closer to their original appearance.

"I think this is a fantastic restoration," HDBR board member Chris Cody said of the project. "I was so excited to see the photograph that those doors are still there. That's so cool. I'm so glad you're bringing them back."

Board member Happy Smith agreed, "I agree completely. I love to see this. This is awesome."

Board member Ryan Rodgers said, "I've been fortunate enough to walk through it, and see the doors. This is a great restoration."

The building, which is actually considered non-contributing to the historic district, was constructed in 1960 as a gas station, but served as offices for Goins Bookkeeping and Tax Service for many years.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a COA for removal of a non-original, non-contributing unattached chimney on a house owned by Rebecca and Jason Brown, 307 East Fourth Street, a circa 1870 structure with Italianate

influences.

The chimney is not attached to the two-story home, other than with caulk or mortar, and was added to the house when a basement furnace was installed. Brown said the chimney is separating from the house and causing moisture issues on the interior.

Board chair William Jewell endorsed the removal of the chimney. "I'm very familiar with this property. I walk my dog up this alley all the time. I've been watching the chimney wedge itself off the building for three or four years now. There used to be a large plant that grew out of the top. There is a safety issue as well."

- Approved a COA for changing the size of the windows on the rear of a house to accommodate new windows at 917 West Second Street, a circa 1850 Federal-style building owned by Burke and Marci Jones.

Burke Jones said three new windows will be installed at the same height and same dimensions "so aesthetically as you look down the wall of the house all four windows will be at the same height," recreating that to be more historically appropriate. "I'm enthused about maintaining the integrity of the historical district in downtown," said Burke Jones.

Rodgers said, "I really appreciate the effort to make it more historically appropriate."

- Approved a COA for 422 Walnut Street, a circa 1850 Greek Revival style building owned by Beth Owens, for extending the north wall to the end of an existing porch to make a new room and enclose the east wall of the porch including two windows and a sliding door. Jewell said, "I can see this as an improvement."

Smith noted that work falls within guidelines because it cannot be seen from a public right of way, and complimented Owens for doing "nice things to the front of the house. It looks

great."

- Approved a COA for 1211 West Main Street, a circa 1890 structure owned by Larry and Joni Hamilton, to move the front door to where a window currently sits on the front porch.

However, citing historic district guidelines, Smith noted, "There is strong guidance to not change the openings of your historic buildings ... It does go against pretty strong guidelines to not change the openings."

Cody said he wrestled with the same issues but "the fact the window is not a historic window is big for me. Had it been a historic window, it would have given me a lot more pause. I also thought overall this is an upgrade. It's a very attractive new set of doors they found. I think it helps the building long term," while emphasizing not doing anything that would prevent reversing work back to what's historic.

- Approved a COA for 1145 West Second Street, a non-contributing 1950 building owned by Joe and Susan Craig, to enlarge the front porch to 6 feet by 21 feet, extend the roof to cover the porch, add a carport to the northeast side of the house, and extend the south side deck.

- Approved COAs for two properties owned by Amy Cox — one at 723 West Fourth Street and the other at 758 Presbyterian Avenue, to replace each with new mobile homes where there had previously been mobile homes.

- Historic Preservationist Brenna Haley reported that Rodney Pettit had withdrawn his application to remove a chimney at 723-725 West Third Street. The application had been filed after the chimney was already removed, which is not allowed under historic district guidelines.

Haley said Pettit now plans to rebuild the exterior portion of chimney visually similar to the one that had previously been on the circa 1850 structure.

Tourism on upswing after 2025 start slowed by weather

County still recovering from snow, flooding

BY BOB DEMAREE

Jefferson County tourism is gearing up for a strong finish to 2025 after a slow first half of the year caused by weather.

Snowy weather and flooding made for a rough start to 2025 in Jefferson County but there was optimism for a strong finish expressed at Monday's meeting of Visit Madison Inc. Jakob Liggett, general manager of the Eagle Cotton Mill Fairfield Inn and Suites, said the hotel's business was "very slow at the beginning of the year," impacted by the winter weather and spring flooding. Now, "we're back on track ... Our September is the best the hotel has ever done. We're almost sold out for every festival."

Beth Lewis, owner of Old Tyme Marketplace, said her business had a "really soft first quarter this year" but "May was the best May we've ever had" and now "we're thankfully up" for the year. "We're thankful we're on an incline for the year

... We're heading into the fourth quarter really strong."

Kim Kennard, who owns MadLove restaurant with her husband, Jeff, said business is up 5% — the same increase the business has seen each of its four years in business.

Gary Copeland, who serves on the VMI board with Kennard, Lewis and Liggett, said, "Weather plays a big part" in local tourism. "In January and February, we had snow cover for six weeks. We haven't had snow cover like that in a long time" then in the spring, there was stormy weather that led to flooding.

Copeland also said Jefferson County may see dividends from the rainfall early this week. "It's going to be good for what's left of the flowers, and trees, and greenery, and you could have a beautiful fall. You could be shocked at what you may do in the fall. The end of the year might look way better than expected" for local tourism.

"This is great feedback for me to hear," said VMI Executive Director Andrew Forrester. "I'm trying to look at the data and talking to business owners" and using that to get an idea of what's happening in local tourism.

AIR

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Rides will be available on the DC-3 "Flagship Detroit" and 1941 Boeing Stearman planes, and the Robinson R-44 and UH-1 Huey helicopters at various costs.

There will also be a kids area with bounce houses, face painting, giveaways and more.

Admission to the air show is \$10, and free to age 14 and under. Parking will be at River Valley Community Church, 2353 Clifty Drive, with buses

from the Southwestern Jefferson County School Corporation providing shuttle service to the airport. If that parking lot fills, there will also be parking at Madison Assembly of God, 1636 Clifty Drive. Only handicap parking will be allowed at the airport.

Those attending should bring a lawn chair or blanket to be comfortable while enjoying the show. No outside food or drink is permitted, and no coolers, alcohol, smoking or e-cigarettes/vaping and no pets.

Hemmer said visitors to the air show "will also get to see that our local airport

is more than a playground for rich people" and how it is "a large contributor to the economic picture in our region," where there are opportunities for careers that go beyond being pilots, such as mechanics, flight nurses and other airport professionals.

Megan Varble, events and administrative assistant at the airport, "People are able to get up close and explore these aircrafts they may not have seen before," adding it's an event that can help to "establish a level of knowledge of aviation and then falling in love with aviation."

HAPPY

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deliver it. I got to the end of Happy Birthday and that was it, he shut the door and locked it.

"Another time I got a call from a woman whose cat had disappeared. She claimed it had been kidnapped, or cat-napped I guess, and she knew exactly who the culprit was. Her idea was for me to go to this catnapper's door and sing happy birthday to her cat, and when the cat heard his name, he'd come running and the lady would nab her cat back! I thought about it, but ultimately I turned that job down.

"I do most of my jobs in my Happy George costume, which is short jean cut-offs, a vest with no shirt, cowboy boots and hat, and my guitar, of course. But I also have a Reno 911 type of costume, a sort of Elvis get up, and even a Happy Yeti. For a small extra fee I'll show up as Super Happy, wearing my bright pink Speedo shorts. Prices for the Madison area are in the \$205 range.

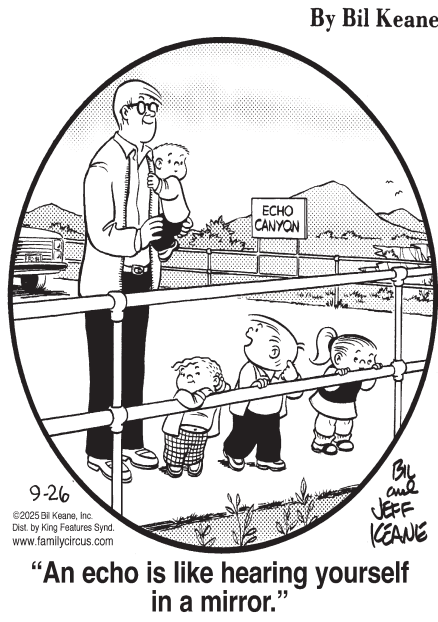
"It's been a great experience, and Megan and I have so much fun every day, just making people laugh and enjoy their special days. I've been told I maybe should start a podcast, where I can share my experiences and maybe impart a bit of my happy life philosophy. I think I may just do that, so keep an eye out for it."

If you'd like to see Happy George in action, just go on YouTube and search "Happy George Singing Telegram." And if you'd like to hire him, his email is: SingingGeorges@gmail.com.

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

Saturday is probably the prime day for live music in Madison this weekend

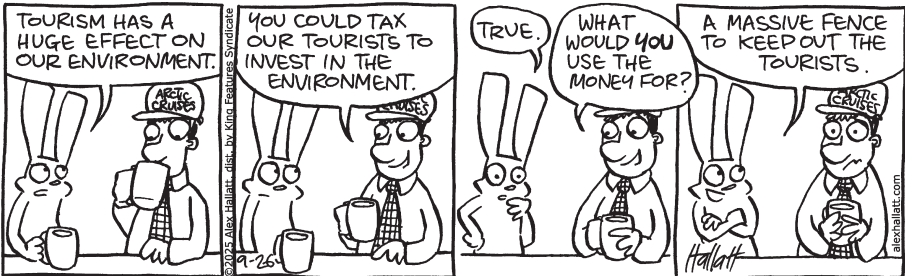
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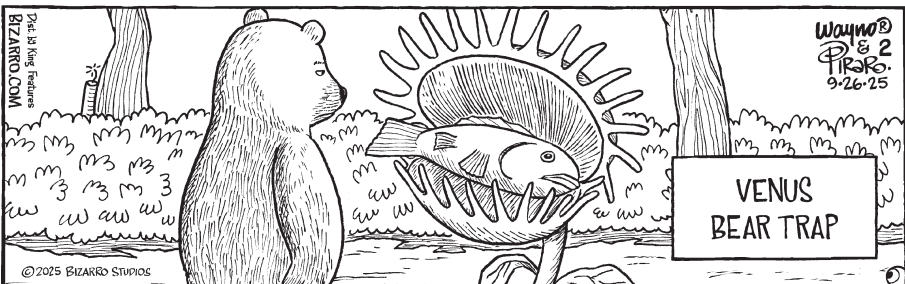
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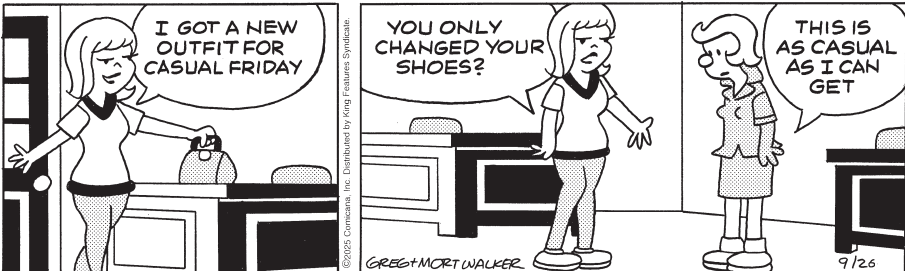
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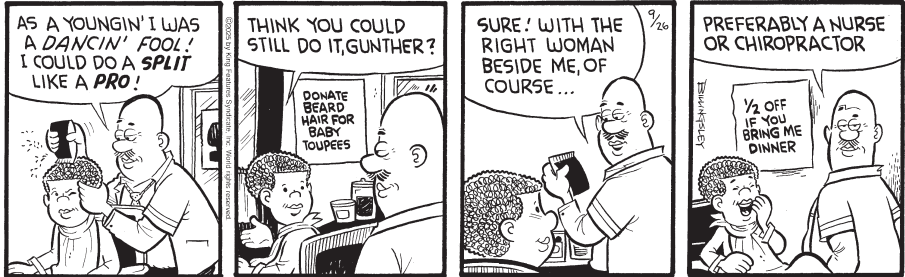
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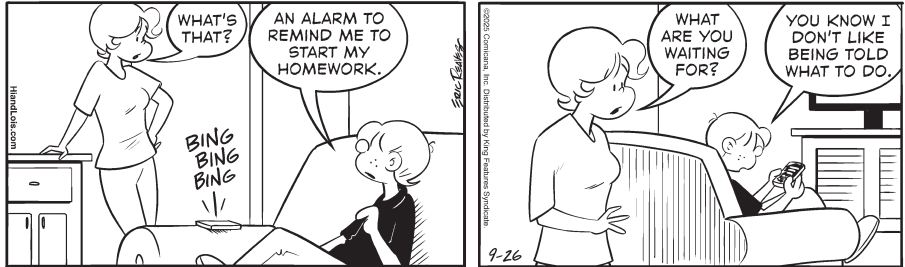
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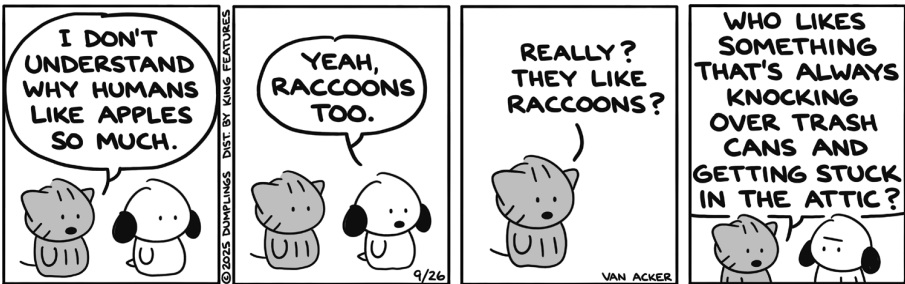
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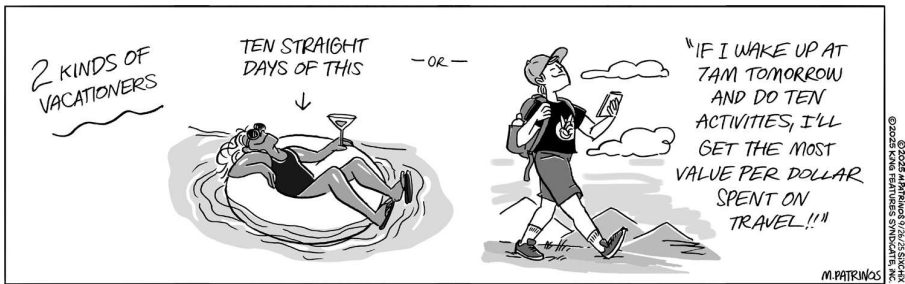
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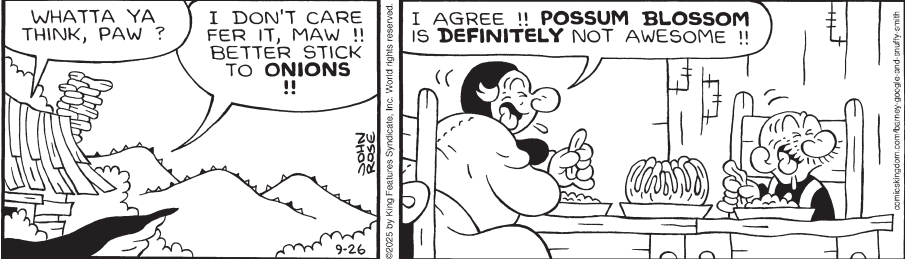
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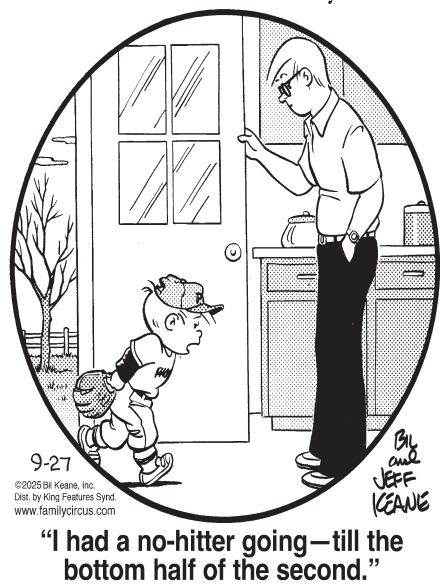


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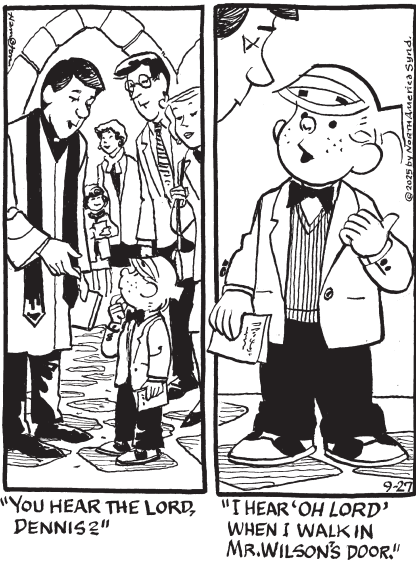


THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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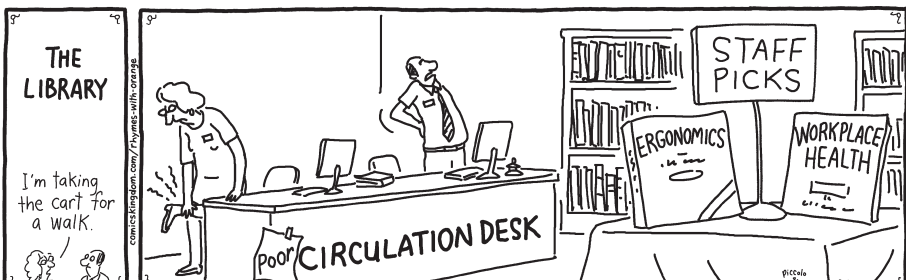
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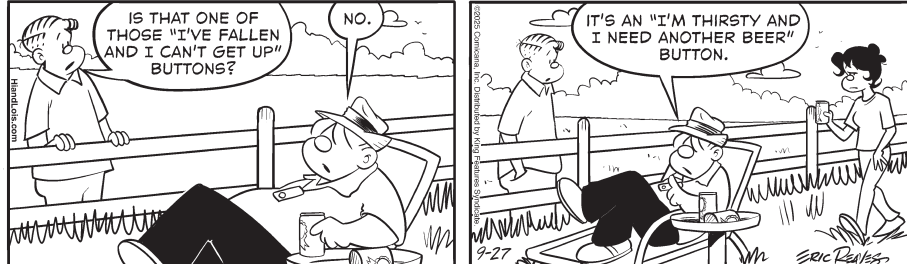
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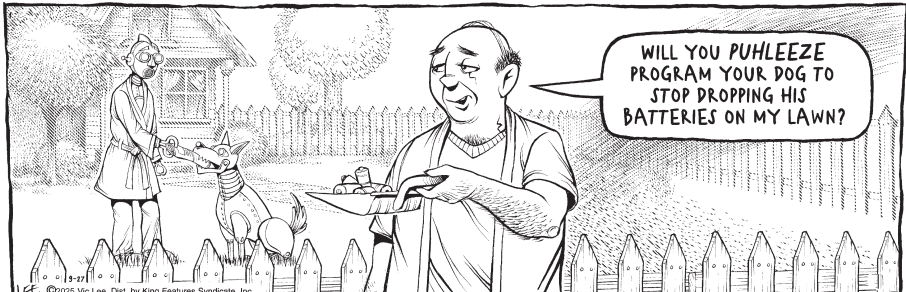
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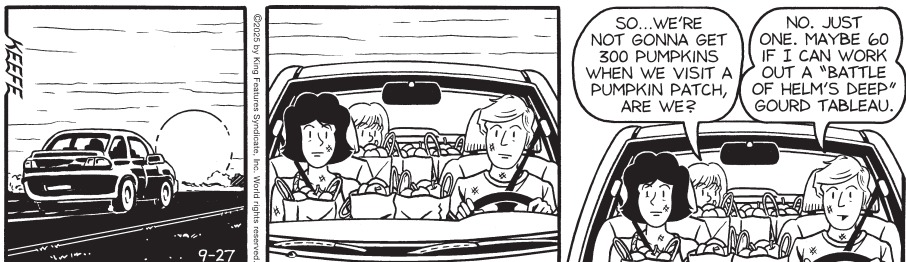
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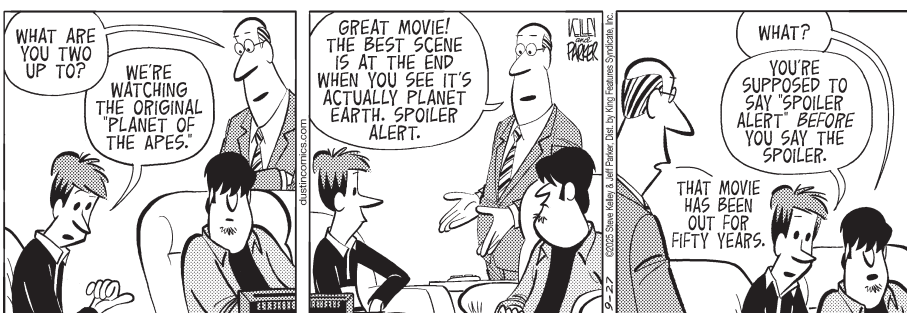
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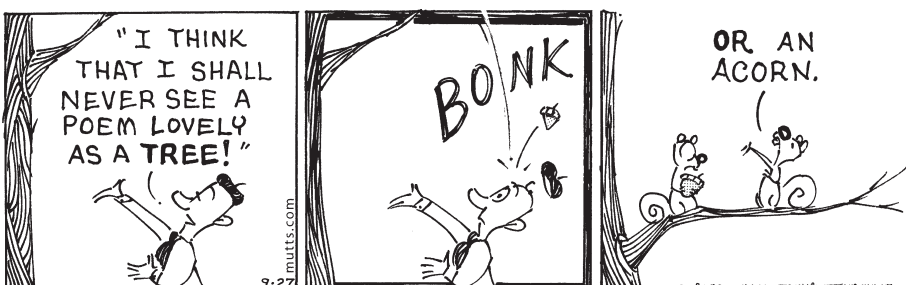
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NASA's newest astronauts include Goshen's Erin Overcash

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

NASA’s 10 new astronaut candidates were introduced Monday following a competitive selection process of more than 8,000 applicants from across the United States. U.S. Navy Lt. Commander Erin Overcash, 34, of Goshen, Kentucky, was among those chosen.

Born in Louisville, Overcash considers Goshen her hometown where her parents, Wendell and Joanne Overcash, still reside. Overcash graduated from North Oldham High School before earning her bachelor’s degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Colorado in Boulder in 2014. She went on to complete a master’s degree in bioastronautics with a certificate in engineering entrepreneurship at the University of Colorado in 2017. Overcash also attended U.S. Naval Test Pilot School at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md., graduating with Class 162 in 2023.

Early in her career, Overcash was a member of the U.S. Navy’s World Class Athlete Program, living and training full-time at the Olympic Training Center with the USA Rugby Women’s National Team. She attended U.S. Navy flight school, earning her wings in January 2018. She then qualified in the F/A-18E and F/A-18F Super Hornet at Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif.

From 2019 to 2022, Overcash was an operational pilot flying the F/A-18F with Strike Fighter Squadron 102, stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, and deployed multiple times through the Pacific and Middle East. From 2023 to 2025, she served as an F/A-18E, F/A-18F, and EA-18G Growler test pilot, during which she also served as a Service Chief Fellow at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency in the fall of 2024. She has logged more than 1,300 flight hours in 20 aircraft, including 249 carrier arrested landings.

At the time of her selection, she was training for an operational tour as an F/A-18E department head at Naval Air Station Oceana, Va.

Overcash has been awarded the Naval Test Wing Atlantic Test Pilot of the Year in 2024, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (multiple awards), and various campaign and service ribbons. She earned Three Caps with the USA Rugby Women’s National Team, is a two-time Kentucky State Champion High Jumper and is an Ironman Triathlete.

A member of The Society of Experimental Test Pilots, the 99s, and Women Military Aviators, Overcash says she enjoys reading, adventure motorcycling, challenging workouts and spending time with friends and family. She is married to another naval aviator.

According to a news release, the class will complete nearly two years of training before becoming eligible for flight assignments supporting future science and exploration missions to low Earth orbit, the Moon and Mars.

Acting NASA Administrator



Credit: NASA/Josh Valcarcel

Astronaut Candidate Group Photo – ASCAN Class of 2025.



Credit: NASA

NASA announced its 2025 Astronaut Candidate Class on Sept. 22, 2025. The 10 candidates, pictured here at NASA’s Johnson Space Center in Houston are: U.S. Army CW3 Ben Bailey, U.S. Air Force Maj. Cameron Jones, Katherine Spies, Anna Menon, U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Erin Overcash, U.S. Air Force Maj. Adam Fuhrmann, Dr. Lauren Edgar, Yuri Kubo, Rebecca Lawler, and Dr. Imelda Muller.

Sean Duffy welcomed the all-American 2025 astronaut candidate class during a ceremony at the agency’s Johnson Space Center in Houston. “I’m honored to welcome the next generation of American explorers to our agency! More than 8,000 people applied – scientists, pilots, engineers, dreamers from every corner of this nation. The 10 men and women sitting here today embody the truth that in America, regardless of where you start, there is no limit to what a determined dreamer can achieve – even going to space,” said Duffy. “Together, we’ll unlock the Golden Age of exploration.”

The agency’s 24th astronaut class reported for duty at NASA’s Johnson Space Center in mid-September and immediately began their training. Their curriculum includes instruction and skills development for complex operations aboard the International Space Station, Artemis missions to the Moon, and beyond. Specifically, training includes robotics, land and water survival, geology, foreign language, space medicine and physiology, and more, while also conducting simulated spacewalks and flying high-performance jets.

After graduation, the 2025 class will join the agency’s active astronaut corps. According to NASA, active astronauts are conducting science research aboard the space station while preparing for the transition to commercial space stations and the next great leaps in human exploration at the Moon and Mars. The candidates’ oper-



Credit: NASA

U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Erin Overcash of Goshen was selected as one of 10 in NASA’s 2025 Astronaut Candidate Class.

ational expertise, scientific knowledge, and technical backgrounds are essential to advancing NASA’s deep space exploration goals and sustaining a long-term human presence beyond low Earth orbit.

In the class with Overcash are: Ben Bailey of Charlottesville, Va.; Lauren Edgar of Sammamish, Wash.; Adam Fuhrmann of Leesburg, Va.; Cameron Jones of Savanna, Ill.; Yuri Kubo of Columbus, Ind.; Rebecca Lawler of Little Elm, Texas, Anna Menon, 39 from Houston, Texas, Imelda Muller of Copake Falls, N.Y. and Katherine Spies of San

Diego, Calif.

With the addition of these 10 individuals, NASA has recruited 370 astronaut candidates since selecting the original Mercury Seven in 1959.

“Today, our mission propels us even further as we prepare for our next giant leap with NASA’s newest astronaut candidate class,” said Vanessa Wyche, director of NASA Johnson. “Representing America’s best and brightest, this astronaut candidate class will usher in the Golden Age of innovation and exploration as we push toward the Moon and Mars.”



Sophie Bates

Kathy Lampley stands in front of her trailer in Delhi, La., Monday, Aug. 18, 2025.

\$3B Meta power upgrade sparks cost debate in Louisiana

BY JACK BROOK AND SOPHIE BATES
ASSOCIATED PRESS/REPORT FOR AMERICA

HOLLY RIDGE, La. — In a rural corner of Louisiana, Meta is building one of the world’s largest data centers, a \$10 billion behemoth as big as 70 football fields that will consume more power in a day than the entire city of New Orleans at the peak of summer.

While the colossal project is impossible to miss in Richland Parish, a farming community of 20,000 residents, not everything is visible, including how much the social media giant will pay toward the more than \$3 billion in new electricity infrastructure needed to power the facility.

Watchdogs have warned that in the rush to capitalize on the AI-driven data center boom, some states are allowing massive tech companies to direct expensive infrastructure

projects with limited oversight.

Mississippi lawmakers allowed Amazon to bypass regulatory approval for energy infrastructure to serve two data centers it is spending \$10 billion to build. In Indiana, a utility is proposing a data center-focused subsidiary that operates outside normal state regulations. And while Louisiana says it has added consumer safeguards, it lags behind other states in its efforts to insulate regular power consumers from data center-related costs.

Mandy DeRoche, an attorney for the environmental advocacy group Earthjustice, says there is less transparency due to confidentiality agreements and rushed approvals.

“You can’t follow the facts, you can’t follow the benefits or the negative impacts that could come to the service area or to the community,” DeRoche said.

COUNCIL

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detract from the beauty of the area, cause overcrowding in an zone heavily used for recreation, festivals and tourism and stand as a hardship on existing property owners and cited that the project was better suited for other areas of Madison like the hilltop.

Those voicing support for the project noted that Madison needs more housing and the downtown area needs the business that apartment dwellers will bring to restaurants and shops and that development of the riverfront could provide the jobs and tax dollars needed to sustain city services and ward off stagnation.

Another issue that was raised focused on the process rather than the outcome. Warren Auxier, of Hanover, voiced his concern that the city had reverse engineered the ordinance proposal to create a zone that would allow apartment development on the riverfront and qualify for state grant funding rather than draft a zoning plan and then field proposals from developers. “This is a package that was put together to allow this development to take place,” Auxier noted.

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney said the ordinance is a byproduct of a “complete review” of Madison’s “entire zoning ordinance” that was started months ago and noted “that area of the riverfront is suffering from disinvestment” and while Madison is open to investment in other areas of the city, the apartment structure being proposed for Vaughn Drive is contingent on that area. “That is a location we feel is important to downtown Madison.”

“It is about location — location is extremely important,” Courtney said, noting that “nobody wants encroachment” but the project can co-exist with the city’s other uses of the riverfront by residents and visitors.

Thevenow agreed that the project is about location but instead it’s a location residents want shielded from development.

“It’s the location, not the project,” Thevenow said. “We could move an apartment project like this to almost any other location in Madison and I don’t think people would bat an eye at it. In fact, I think it would be a good addition to the city in another location. There are

other sites available. We are not landlocked ... I don’t believe it’s fair to ask Madison to give up our riverfront, to wall off our community’s front yard for the benefit of a few.”

At least a couple of speakers noted their disappointment in the lack of civility some have shown during the weeks that the discussion has gone on — from angry letters and social media posts to vulgar phone calls and calls to Council members in the middle of the night.

Lisa Ferguson, a local resident who attends most meetings and ran for city council last primary election, said it is OK to be passionate about the issue and agree or disagree but that should stop short of treating each other without respect. She added that people in other communities and Madison’s visitors are watching and listening and “it’s making us look terrible.”

The proposed amendments, offered separately by Schafer and Thevenow, covered some of the same concerns and focused mainly on increasing setbacks for any structures added in the proposal Riverfront Development zone — from zero setbacks originally to up to 10 to 20 feet based on proximity to existing structures and/or Vaughn Drive.

The amendments also include limits on a building’s height above the flood grade, the amount of parking that would be required for each apartment unit, the location of dumpsters and trash containers with regard to adjoining properties, the amount of light that would be allowed to escape the site onto nearby properties, having plans for evacuations during flooding, special events and other situations that limit access and restrictions on landscaping and design to be harmonious with the area and not block sightlines for traffic and existing properties.

Thevenow also proposed an amendment that would make zoned uses in the area “conditional,” and therefore reviewable by the Board of Zoning Appeals, rather than “permitted,” which would require no such review.

With the ordinance scheduled for a second reading on Tuesday Oct. 7, at which time the council could vote on adoption, Thevenow asked that a select committee be appointed to review the amendments in an open forum and report to the council prior to that second reading or a vote be taken.

Courtney said the committee will be formed quickly and the amendments will be posted by the city to allow public access.

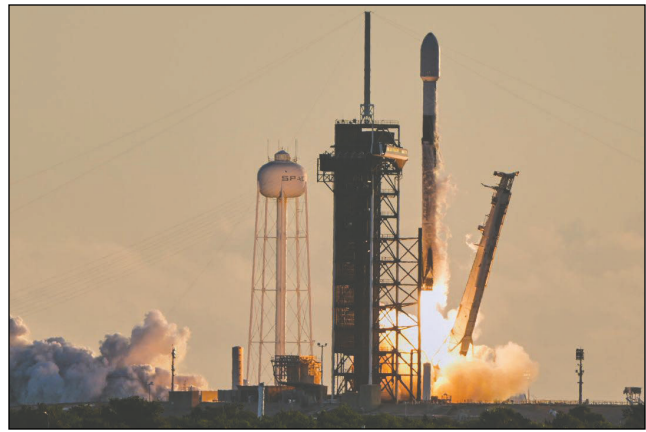
A trio of space weather satellites blast off together to study the sun's violent side

BY MARCIA DUNN
AP AEROSPACE WRITER

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A cluster of space weather satellites blasted off Wednesday morning to cast fresh eyes on solar storms that can produce stunning auroras but also scramble communications and threaten astronauts in flight.

The three satellites soared from Kennedy Space Center shortly after sunrise on the same SpaceX rocket. They aimed for a sun-orbiting lookout 1 million miles (1.6 million kilometers) from Earth, each on its own separate mission.

Altogether, the satellites from NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, plus related



John Raoux

A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket with an Interstellar Mapping and Acceleration Probe (IMAP) as its primary payload, lifts off from pad 39A at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025.

costs, are worth about \$1.6 billion. NASA’s Joe Westlake calls it “the ultimate cosmic carpool” by sharing a rocket to save money.

Heading the lineup is NASA’s Interstellar Mapping and Acceleration Probe, the first to be deployed. It will scrutinize the outer limits

of the heliosphere, the protective, solar wind-driven bubble of gas around our solar system.

As a bonus, IMAP will be capable of providing advance notice of solar storms — a valuable 30-minute heads-up — for astronauts exploring the moon under NASA’s Artemis program. Officials expect the observatory to be fully operational by the time four astronauts fly around the moon and back next year.

NASA’s smaller Carruthers Geocorona Observatory also is flying, focusing on Earth’s outermost, glowing atmosphere that extends well beyond the moon. It’s named after the late scientist George Carruthers, who invented the ultraviolet telescope left on the moon by the Apollo 16 astronauts in 1972.

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Sports

Volleyball Roundup



David Campbell

Madison's volleyball team celebrates after scoring a point in the Cubs' Dig Pink Night win on Tuesday at Southwestern. The teams play the annual game wearing special pink uniforms to raise awareness of breast cancer.

Madison claims 3-set win at Southwestern on Dig Pink Night

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison picked up a dominating three-set win at Southwestern in their annual Dig Pink Breast Cancer Awareness night game on Tuesday. The Cubs won the first two sets by scores of 25-15 before gutting out a 25-23 win in the third set to close the match win. Rorie Scroggins had seven kills for Southwestern, Jenna Owens had five kills and three aces, Josie Hubbard had five kills, Jocelyn Johnson had 17 digs, Hadlie Buchanan had 10 digs and Hillarie Buchanan had 21 assists. No stats for Madison were available. On Monday, Madison edged Christian Academy of Indiana 26-24, 26-24, 25-17.

Brittan Neuman had eight kills, 15 digs and two blocks for Madison, Maylie Skinner had eight kills and two blocks, Lilly Canida had seven kills and two blocks, Anna Black had five kills and two blocks, Hannah Combs had five kills, Audrey Miller had 29 assists and four aces, Ava Canida had 11 digs, and Neveah Scott had eight digs. Southwestern, now 8-10 on the season, hosts the Marc Baum Invitational on Saturday and travels to New Washington on Tuesday. Madison, now 15-6 on the season, hosted Jeffersonville on Thursday and plays in the Hauser Tournament on Saturday. The Cubs then host Lawrenceburg on Monday and travels to Jennings County on Tuesday.

TRIMBLE SPLITS TWO MATCHES

Trimble County split a pair of matches earlier this week — both in straight sets. On Tuesday, Trimble lost 3-0 (25-14, 25-9, 25-20) at home to a tough Eminence squad. Emery Pierce had six kills and 11 digs, Emma Heaton had 14 assists, Ainslie Stark had eight assists, and Chloe Ginn had 11 digs. On Wednesday, Trimble defeated Williamstown at home 2-0 (25-5, 25-10). Pierce had four kills, five digs and six aces, Elliana Pennix had



David Campbell

Madison's Audrey Miller (center) tips the ball over the net during the Cubs' volleyball win over Southwestern on Tuesday's annual Dig Pink Night matchup.

four kills, Heaton had 11 assists and four aces and Anna Brierly had nine digs and seven assists. Trimble, now 10-10 overall and 4-4 31st District, traveled to Owen County on Thursday, competes in the Eminence Tournament on Saturday and hosts Cornerstone Christian on Tuesday.

CARROLL FALLS TO OWEN

Carroll County dropped a five-set marathon at home to Owen County on Tuesday. Owen won by scores of 25-19, 23-25, 25-13, 21-25, 15-10. No

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Boys Soccer Roundup

Shawe knocks off Southwestern (Shelby) in top 20 battle

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Class A No. 11 Shawe scored a 4-0 win at Class A No. 13 Southwestern (Shelby) in boys soccer Wednesday on the road. The Hilltoppers put the match away early with three first half goals. Martin Gomez scored two goals and had an assist for Shawe, Rodrigo Reyes-Miranda and Pedro Gondim each had a goal, and Gus Grote and Bastian Bryknar each had an assist. Freshman goalie Clark Nichter posted the clean sheet with six saves in goal. Shawe, now 8-1-2 on the season, hosts Rising Sun on Friday and hosts Jac-Cen-Del on Monday.

REBELS PICKED UP TWO WINS

Class A No. 19 Southwestern scored a 6-0 win at home over Milan on Tuesday and beat Clarksville 3-2 at home on Wednesday. No stats for either game were available. Southwestern, now 8-1-3 overall, 4-0 Ohio River Valley Conference, hosts Switzerland County on Tuesday.

MADISON BEATS JENNINGS

Madison boys soccer hammered Jennings County (5-8) 8-1 Tuesday on the road.

No individual stats for the game were available. Madison, now 7-2-2 on the season, traveled to Lawrenceburg on Thursday and hosts South Ripley on Saturday. The Cubs then travel to Class A No. 9 Providence next Tuesday.

CARROLL WINS 8TH-STRAIGHT

Carroll County ran its win streak to eight matches with a 9-1 win over Shelby County on Tuesday and an 8-0 shutout of Owen County on Wednesday, both at home. Gamaliel Maldonado had four goals and an assist for Carroll against Shelby, Zachary Richards had two goals and two assists, Cesar Castillo and Yerson Aguilar each scored a goal, and Christian Torres and J.T. Davis each had an assist. Goalie Chris Perez had three saves. Against Owen, Torres had two goals and Aguilar, Davis, Bernardo Gutierrez, Edwin Rodriguez, Perez and Danny Roque had a goal each with Zachary Richards tallying two assists and Juan Munguia and Gamaliel Maldonado an one assist each. Perez and Quinn Willhoite combined for the clean sheet with Perez making four saves and Willhoite one. Carroll, now 11-2 on the season, travels to Anderson County next Tuesday.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26 Football Madison hosts Providence, 7 p.m. Switzerland Co. at Edinburgh, 7 p.m. Carroll Co. hosts Nicholas Co., 7:30 p.m. Trimble Co. hosts Berea, 7:30 p.m.	
Soccer Shawe boys host Rising Sun, 5:30 p.m.	
Tennis Southwestern boys host Austin, 4:30 p.m.	
Volleyball Hanover vs. Heidelberg (Ohio) at Bluffton (Ohio), 5 p.m. Shawe girls at Medora, 7 p.m.	
SATURDAY, SEPT. 27 Cross Country Trimble Co. at Community Christian, 8 a.m. Madison, Shawe, Southwestern, Meyer Classic at Hanover, 9:30 a.m.	
Golf Hanover men at Mount St. Joseph, 9 a.m. Madison, Southwestern, Switzerland Co., IHSAA Regional at Franklin, 9 a.m.	
Soccer Switzerland Co. girls host SCIT Tourney, 9 a.m. Madison boys host South Ripley, 10 a.m. Hanover women host Franklin, 1 p.m. Hanover men host Franklin, 3:30 p.m.	
Volleyball Madison girls, Hauser Tourney, 9 a.m. Shawe, Southwestern, Switzerland Co. girls, Baum Invite at Southwestern, 9 a.m. Trimble Co., Henry Co. Invite, 9 a.m.	
Hanover vs. Adrian (Mich.), Baldwin Wallace (Ohio) at Bluffton (Ohio), 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m.	
SUNDAY, SEPT. 28 Golf Hanover men at Mount St. Joseph, 9 a.m.	
MONDAY, SEPT. 29 Soccer Shawe boys host Jac-Cen-Del, 5 p.m. Southwestern girls at Trinity Lutheran, 5 p.m. Madison girls at Seymour, 6 p.m.	
Tennis Southwestern boys host Charlestown, 5 p.m.	
Volleyball Madison girls host Lawrenceburg, 7 p.m. Shawe girls host Rising Sun, 7 p.m.	
TUESDAY, SEPT. 30 Cross Country Shawe at New Washington, 5:30 p.m.	
Soccer Southwestern boys host Switzerland Co., 5 p.m. Southwestern girls host Switzerland Co., 6:30 p.m. Madison boys at Providence, 7 p.m. Carroll Co. boys at Anderson Co., 7:45 p.m.	
Tennis Madison, Southwestern boys, IHSAA Sectionals at Madison, TBA	
Volleyball Madison girls at Jennings Co., 7 p.m. Southwestern girls at New Washington, 7 p.m. Switzerland Co. girls at Medora, 7 p.m. Trimble Co. girls host Cornerstone Christian, 7:30 p.m.	

Pirates top Reds 4-3 in 11 innings, prevent Cincinnati from gaining ground in NL wild-card race

BY JEFF WALLNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Spencer Horwitz hit an run-scoring double in the 11th inning and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat Cincinnati 4-3 on Wednesday night, preventing the Reds from gaining ground in the race for an NL wild card. The Reds entered Wednesday's action tied with Arizona, one game behind the New York Mets, in the battle for the third wild card. The Mets lost 10-3 to the Chicago Cubs, and the Diamondbacks

faced the Los Angeles Dodgers later Wednesday. The Pirates took the lead in the 11th when Bryan Reynolds scored his third run of the game on Horwitz's double. In the bottom of the inning, the Reds loaded the bases before Yohan Ramirez got Noelvi Marte to ground into a force play. Pirates starter Paul Skenes allowed four hits and struck out seven in six innings in his final scheduled start of the season. The 23-year-old right-hander, at 1.97, became the first qualified pitcher

with an ERA under 2.00 since Justin Verlander in 2022, and at age 23 became the youngest with a sub-2.00 ERA since 20-year-old Dwight Gooden's 1.53 in 1985. Skenes also finished with 0.95 WHIP and 216 strikeouts. Cincinnati faced a two-run deficit heading into the eighth inning and used a pair of homers to force extra innings. In the eighth, Noelvi Marte's drive to center caromed high off the wall and rolled into left-center, and he circled

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Michael Swensen/AP Photo

Cincinnati Reds second base Matt McLain tags out Pittsburgh Pirates' Tommy Pham while attempting to steal second base in the second inning of a baseball game on Wednesday in Cincinnati.



Abby Hooven

Carroll County’s Dustin Battaglia blasts out of a bunker at the regional golf tournament at Henry County Country Club on Monday. Battaglia battled through rain and weather delays to shoot a seven-over 79 that was good for a tie for seventh place and a trip to the first round of the KHSAA Boys Golf State Tournament.

Carroll County's Battaglia advances to boys golf state tourney

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

NEW CASTLE, KY. — Carroll County senior golfer Dustin Battaglia battled through occasional rain and weather delays to punch his ticket to another KHSAA Boys Golf State Championship by carding a seven-over 79 at Henry County Country Club on Monday.

Battaglia, a state qualifier the last two seasons, tied for seventh in the field and was among the individuals moving on from non-advancing teams at the Eighth Region Tournament.

Battaglia’s Panthers finished eighth among the 14 full teams with a 362 competing in New Castle to wrap up their 2025 season. Host Henry County, which had won a North Central Kentucky Conference championship earlier this month, defended its home links by winning the team regional with a 320 that was two strokes better than runner-up Newport Central Catholic’s 322. Trimble County placed 11th to also close out its season.

In addition to Battaglia’s 79, Carroll got an 89 from Luke Taylor and a pair of 97s from Dalten Wilson and Rennin Sanders. Bryce Furnish carded a non-scoring 98.

Trimble County was led by Liam Taylor with a 90 while Noah Chilton and Nate Hance both shot 105s and Matthew Payne carded a 111. Wyatt Wilson took a non-scoring 124.

Campbell County’s Talen Beane was the regional medalist with a three-over 75. Owen County’s Briton Stafford shot a 76 to tie Newport teammates Ben Fassler and Evan Himmelsbach for second in the field and won the playoff for runner-up medalist with Fassler third and Himmelsbach fourth.

Campbell County was positioned to place fifth overall as a team but lost 25 strokes to the field when Bryson Guidugli was disqualified after shooting an 83 that would have also put him in a playoff for the final individual spot at state.

Nicholas Bryan led Henry County with a 77 to earn fifth place individually. Isaac Abney, Dean Miskell and Baylor Nolin all shot 81s and Brody Cross added a non-scoring 85.

In addition to Stafford, Owen County got a 79 from Ezekial Mefford that was good for 7th individually and an 80 from Judah Mefford as both players will advance as individuals. Eli Osbrne shot a 92 and Hayes Smith a 121.

Other individuals advancing to the state tourney include:

Alex Race, Highlands, 78; Tony Northcut, Harrison County, 80; Derek Bezold, Bishop Brossart, 80; Kasen Bertram, Bracken County, 82; and Abram Kees, Highlands, 83.

The final team standings were: Henry County 320, Newport Central Catholic 322, Owen County 327, Highlands 331, Bishop Brossart 337, Harrison County 351, Campbell County 358, Carroll County 362, Paris 383, Gallatin County 390, Trimble County 411, and Pendleton County 423. Bracken County and Williamstown began the day with enough players for a team score but two players withdrew from each. Grant County, Bourbon County and Augusta did not field complete teams.

Battaglia now advances to the first round of the KHSAA State Championship at Pendleton Hills Country Club near Falmouth on Oct. 1.

HOLBROOK JUST MISSES PLAYOFF

Trimble County’s Kendall Holbrook carded a 103 at Eagle Creek Country Club near Crittenden on Tuesday to fall one stroke short of making a playoff for a trip to the KHSAA Girls State Championships.

Holbrook, a junior, finished

well back of regional medalist Andie Baumann, a senior from of Owen County who carded a 71, but just a stroke back of the final two players from non-advancing teams who were battling for spots in the first round of the state championship as individuals. Henry County’s Alaina Troxell and Pendleton County’s Laci Tackett, locked up those spots with 102s.

Baumann led Owen County to the regional team championship with a 316 while Gallatin County was the distant runner-up with a 383 and Henry County placed third with a 404. Pendleton County was fifth with a 409 and Grant County shot a 438.

When all scores were tallied only a runner-up finish by Grant County’s Sarah Smith prevented Owen County from claiming all five top spots on the individual leaderboard.

In addition to Baumann’s 71, Owen got a pair of 81s from Lucy Dunavent and Ava Klips, an 83 from Lexie Chappell and a non-scoring 84 from Lucy Hardesty that tied for sixth individually.

Henry County missed out on advancing as a team but will send Troxell and two teammates to the state tourney as sophomore Lexie Chesser shot a 97 and eighth grader Malin Way carded a 100.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

— Several local athletes have been honored by the Ohio River Valley Conference as players of the week.

Southwestern’s Savannah Nussbaum and Switzerland County’s Claire Boggs were named in girls cross country. Nussbaum won the race at South Dearborn and Boggs won at Milan.

Switzerland County’s Alexis Mangold won the award in girls golf with a 97 in the sectional.

Switzerland County’s Emma Parsons won the award in girls soccer with seven goals in three games.

— Trimble County’s Anna Brierly has been named the North Central Kentucky Conference Volleyball Player of the Week.

Brierly had 81 digs and five aces in the four-match Capital City Classic in Frankfort.

— Madison junior varsity girls soccer lost 4-1 at Batesville on Tuesday.

Poppy Kelsey scored a goal for Madison.

— Southwestern junior varsity tennis defeated Milan 3-2 on Tuesday.

Brady Bowman and Ryan Hall won at singles for the Rebels and Shane Hardy and Jackson Wheeler won in doubles. Markus Ambulance picked up an exhibition win in singles.

— Southwestern middle school boys tennis defeated Madison 5-0 on Thursday.

In singles, Myles Field won 8-2, Logan Bowman won 8-2 and Bryston Chatham won 8-0. In doubles, Mason Field and Quentin Helton won 8-2 and Zachary Black and Eli Pelsor won 8-1.

— Shawe Junior High boys soccer defeated Rock Creek 3-1 last Thursday and then knocked off Southwestern 4-2 at home on Wednesday.

Tanner Sims had two goals for the Hilltoppers in the win over Rock Creek, Ayden Dempler had one goal and one assist, Tony Ramirez-Maya and Johnny Cooke each had an assist, and Patrick Kahn had two save.

Dempler had two goals and an assist for Shawe in the win over Southwestern, Kahn had a goal had an assist, Cooke had a goal and Jaylen Beatty added two saves.

Shawe is now 10-1-1 on the season.

— Shawe Junior High girls soccer defeated Rock Creek 3-1 last Thursday.

Kingsley Copeland had two goals, Cora Peddie had one goal, Ruby Bear and Olivia Hollihan each had one assist, Harper Denning had three saves in goal and Jozlyn Wagner had two saves.

— Southwestern Middle School girls cross country won the South Dearborn Invitational on Saturday.

Southwestern scored 28 points and Shawe was fourth with 83 points. Switzerland County did not field a complete team.

Scorers for Southwestern were: Harper Green, first, 11:00.70; Callie Farmer, third, 11:52.65; Annistyn Cloud, fifth, 12:37.36; Payton Shepherd, ninth, 12:58.17; and Lillian Bickers, 10th, 13:00.34.

Scorers for Shawe were: Holland Kring, fourth, 12:16.95; Ari Alderman, eighth, 12:50.70; Riley Carinal, 23rd, 14:20.29; Olivia Hill, 26th, 14:26.46; and Addy Ciejkko, 31st, 15:24.13.

Results for Switzerland were: Marlee

Selmeyer, 27th, 14:38.41; Reagan Hatton, 35th, 15:32.76; and Lila Partin, 52nd, 19:22.37.

Southwestern placed second in the boys event with 88 points, Shawe was fourth with 108 and Switzerland County was seventh with 147.

Scorers for Southwestern were: Erik Nopal Valencia, fifth, 11:12.52; Quinn Green, ninth, 11:41.27; Logan Bowman, 24th, 12:55.81; Mason James, 27th, 13:31.43; and Liam Taylor, 28th, 13:42.63.

Scorers for Shawe were: Sam Gish, fourth, 11:08.57; John Paul Gutieg, 13th, 11:58.76; Martin Wilhelm, 18th, 12:27.00; Finn Reed, 36th, 14:26.42; and Dylan Schafer, 43rd, 14:44.92.

Results for Switzerland County were: Larkin Dennis, 17th, 12:26.83; Clayton Bear, 19th, 12:34.46; Jordan Thurman, 23rd, 12:46.06; Kamden Riley, 49th, 16:11.20; and Clay Bunger, 50th, 16:23.25.

Shawe also ran at Rising Sun on Tuesday with the girls winning that race and the boys placing third.

Shawe’s Holland Kring won the girls race in 13:10 and Alderman ran third in 13:29. Other Shawe runners included: Ryley Carinal, ninth, 15:29; Olivia Hill, 12th, 15:43; Noah Warren, 17th, 17:47; Lily Hay, 20th, 18:06; and Addie Ciejkko, 21st, 18:06.

Sam Gish led the Shawe boys with a second place in 12:16. John Paul Guetig ran fifth in 13:01 followed by teammates Dylan Gall, 24th, 16:10; Dylan Schafer, 25th, 16:14; and Camden Green, 31st, 18:11.

— Norton King’s Daughters’ Health will host its 27th annual Run the Falls 5K on Saturday at Clifty Falls State Park in Madison.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Last-second touchdown lifts Panthers to win at Alma, 24-23

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Scotty Johnson caught a 2-yard touchdown pass with 28 seconds left and Hanover football survived a last-second field goal to beat Alma 24-23 Saturday on the road.

Hanover trailed 23-10 early in the fourth quarter before making its comeback. Johnson caught a 25-yard pass from quarterback Eian Roudebush with 7:40 to play to cut the lead to six, then caught the game-winner from Roudebush in the final minute.

Roudebush was 27-for-37 passing for 233 yards and three touchdowns and rushed for 47 yards on 16 attempts. Johnson had five catches for 59 yards and Blaik Nation had five catches for 56 yards and a touchdown and 47 yards rushing on 17 attempts.

Brian Wall had 10 tackles, 2.5 for loss, on defense, and Ashton Schuetter had nine tackles.

Hanover, now 1-2 on the season, has a bye week and travels to Rose-Hulman on Oct. 4.

had 12 digs.

At Asbury, Mays had 14 kills for the Panthers, Waggoner had 13 kills and 20 digs, McCoy had seven kills and 13 digs, Vogel had 19 assists and 13 digs, Gervers had 17 assists and 11 digs, Schicker had 20 digs and West had 17 digs.

Hanover, now 8-6 on the season, competes in the Bluffton Invitational on Saturday and hosts John Carroll on Friday, Oct. 3.

WOMEN'S SOCCER GOES 0-1-1

Hanover women's soccer tied Ohio Wesleyan 1-1 on the road Friday and lost 3-1 at home to North Central Sunday.

Hanover scored on an own goal against Ohio Wesleyan on Friday. Cam Horsley scored on a penalty kick on Sunday.

Hanover, now 2-4-2 on the season, hosts Franklin on Saturday.

HANOVER RUNS AT OLIVET

Hanover cross country competed at Olivet Nazarene on Friday.

The women placed fourth with 82 points. Results for Hanover were: Callie Swegman, second, 23:14.10; Kaylee Kinser, ninth, 23:58.40; Paige Wildman, 20th, 25:02.80; Lanie Roberts, 29th, 25:36.00; Elyse Wilson, 38th, 26:25.90; Adair Dooley, 39th, 26:26.20; Jennifer Guevara, 50th, 27:05.80; Lauren Todd, 52nd, 27:11.80; Ally Greenwell, 68th, 28:24.50; and Lawson Phillips, 71st, 28:49.40.

The men placed seventh with 191 points. Results for Hanover were: Conner Watson, 27th, 27:36.10; Colin Kistler, 40th, 28:07.40; Oxiel Castro Badillo, 57th, 28:46.40; Jacob Miller, 86th, 30:03.70; Charlie Stuelpe, 92nd, 30:17.90; and Corwyn Barrows, 104th, 31:56.20.

Hanover competes in the Louisville Classic on Oct. 4.

WOMEN'S GOLF 4TH AT EARLHAM

Hanover women's golf shot a 729 to place fourth in the Earlham Invitational last the weekend.

Cassidy Clark was 11th with a 170, Gracie Shepherd was 17th with a 178, Kami Cooper was 25th with a 190, Madelyn Arrenholz was 28th with a 191 and Sofie White was 36th with a 220.

Hanover competes in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Preview at Anderson on Oct. 11-12.

LOCAL LEAGUES

HANOVER PARKS DEPARTMENT	
Tuesday, Sept. 23	Bee Ballers, 25-22, 25-21.
Purple Passers d. Mission: Unblockable, 25-7, 25-7.	Christian Academy of Madison Defenders No. 1 d.
Purple Passers d. Sassy Setters, 25-16, 25-9.	Christian Academy of Madison Defenders No. 2, 26-28, 25-16, 15-7.
Orange Crush d. Bumble	Aces d. Pink Powerhouse, 25-13, 25-22.

GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Madison wins ranked battle with Batesville, 3-0

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Class 2A No. 14 Madison traveled to Class 2A No. 15 Batesville Tuesday and came away with a 3-0 win.

The Cubs led 1-0 at halftime before putting the game out of the Bulldogs' reach with two goals in the second half.

Senior Kyra Ayler scored two goals for the Cubs and junior Kenzie Smith had one goal. Kennedy Sheets added an assist and goalkeeper Jane Jenner and the defense teamed up for their ninth clean sheet of the season.

Sophomore goalkeeper Brynlie Oesterling made 14 saves for the Bulldogs (9-4).

Madison, now 12-2-1 on

the season, hosted Jennings County on Thursday and travels to Seymour on Monday.

SHAWE KNOCKS OFF RIPLEY

Class A No. 20 Shawe Memorial posted a 2-0 win at South Ripley on Wednesday.

Jenna Flint scored one goal in each half and the Hilltopper defense did the rest, holding the Raiders to just one shot as senior goalkeeper Felix Odyessy needed just one save to preserve the clean sheet.

"Our defense played an incredible game and held the Raiders to just one shot,"



Darron Cummings/AP Photo

Indiana defensive lineman Stephen Daley celebrates with fans following an NCAA college football game against Illinois on Saturday in Bloomington, Ind.

Impressive 63-10 rout over Illinois helps Indiana climb to No. 11, but will it silence the doubters?

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana has spent coach Curt Cignetti's entire two-year tenure defending its schedule strength to the doubters who didn't believe the Hoosiers belonged in last year's College Football Playoff because they hadn't beaten a ranked team. The doubters were back after the Hoosiers opened this season with wins over Old Dominion, Kennesaw State and Indiana State. So on Saturday, when Indiana finally had a chance to prove the critics wrong, they did so emphatically — with a 63-10 rout over then-No. 9 Illinois. The victory sent the

Hoosiers up eight spots, to No. 11, in The Associated Press Top 25, but players welcome the chance to keep proving the so-called experts wrong. “A lot of people were saying (Illinois) was a lot more physical than us, they were going to come in and run the ball and dominate us physically,” linebacker Aiden Fisher said. “That puts an edge on a team that already has a lot of players with an edge. When it comes to games like this, the preparation and time we put in really shows, especially on the scoreboard in the dominating fashion we played with on defense.” Fisher heard the noise even though the Hoosiers are 14-2 under Cignetti, with their

only losses coming on the road last season to eventual national champion Ohio State and runner-up Notre Dame. He made some of his own, too. Otherwise, they've been perfect. So, naturally, the Hoosiers (4-0, 3-1 Big Ten) wanted to make Saturday's game, which was billed as a key early-season measuring stick for two ascending programs, about more than just winning. They made a statement by beating Illinois in every conceivable fashion. New starting quarterback Fernando Mendoza threw five TD passes for the second straight week and completed his final 17 throws before departing in the fourth quarter. He has been nearly perfect

over the past two weeks, going 40 of 43 with 437 yards, and he has 14 TD passes and no interceptions this season — numbers that could put him in the Heisman Trophy conversation. Indiana rushed for 312 yards, led by freshman Khobie Martin's second straight 100-yard, two-TD game. The defense relentlessly harassed Illini quarterback Luke Altmeyer from start to finish, sacking him seven times, and held Illinois to 2 yards rushing and 161 total yards including an early 59-yard TD pass. The Hoosiers also returned a blocked punt for one score and set up another with a 27-

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Indiana safety Louis Moore wins court case in Texas making him eligible for the rest of season

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Judge Dale Tillery ruled in favor of Indiana safety Louis Moore on Wednesday in an eligibility case against the NCAA, allowing the 24-year-old starter to continue to play the rest

of this season. Tillery had allowed Moore to play each of Indiana's first four games as the legal battle continued in Dallas County, Texas, near Moore's hometown. Moore had filed suit in August, challenging the governing body's five-year

rule. Tillery determined the NCAA rule violated Texas Antitrust Act. Moore spent his first three college seasons at Navarro Junior College in Texas. He spent 2022 and 2023 at Indiana before transferring to Mis-

issippi in 2024. This season, he returned to Indiana (4-0, 1-0 Big Ten) and leads the team with 23 tackles and two interceptions. Indiana makes its first road trip of the season Saturday at Iowa (3-1, 1-0).

QB Jones, running back Taylor have Indy off to surprising 3-0 start

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The list of accomplishments just keeps expanding for the Indianapolis Colts after three games. They're off to their best start since 2009, lead the AFC South and have their highest point total (103) through three weeks since moving to Indy in 1984. Quarterback Daniel Jones has as many wins in his first three starts with the team as he did over the last two seasons with the New York Giants — and still has not been intercepted. Jonathan Taylor's 338 yards rushing are the franchise's highest three-week rushing total since 1970, and he now has three TD runs in back-to-back games against Tennessee. Surprised? “We're doing stuff I've never seen before, and we've never felt like this,” sixth-year receiver Michael Pittman Jr. said after his second TD catch in three weeks during Sunday's 41-20 victory. “We've just got to keep on doing it. We've got to keep that confidence up, but we've also got to keep the work up.” Indy might be the most unlikely of the league's six unbeaten teams, but the question is can they keep playing this well? Why not? They're following a traditional winning combination — running the ball effectively, throwing the ball efficiently and winning the turnover battle with a group of mostly proven veterans. Jones looks more like the player the Giants thought he



John Amis/AP Photo

Indianapolis Colts head coach Shane Steichen on the sideline during the first half of an NFL football game against the Tennessee Titans on Sunday in Nashville, Tenn.



George Walker IV/AP Photo

Tennessee Titans safety Quandre Diggs (28) runs past Tennessee Titans cornerback L'Jarius Sneed (38) for a touchdown during the second half of an NFL football game on Sunday in Nashville, Tenn.

was when they signed him to a four-year, \$160 million contract three years ago than the one they released last year. Taylor is playing more like the 2021 NFL rushing champion as Sunday's game-changing, tackle-breaking 46-yard TD run demonstrated. Pittman has reverted more

to his expected form after trying to play through a back injury last season and rookie tight end Tyler Warren has given Indy the over-the-middle threat it's lacked for years. Defensively, the Colts have allowed the seventh-lowest point total, 56 entering Monday, and Indy has only

punted once all season while playing in a division with two winless teams, Houston and Tennessee. It's given the Colts their best start since 2009 and each week they'll have a chance to prove it's no fluke. And with everyone including Jones, who signed a one-year contract with the Colts in March, motivated to prove themselves all over again, the Colts know what must be done. “Every time we step out there, every time we get the ball, we expect to execute and go down the field and score. So no, I don't think the expectation changes,” Jones said. “There are still things we've got to clean up and work on. I think we still had some missed opportunities.” **WHAT'S WORKING** Taylor and Pittman. While a healthy Taylor got his career back on track last season, Pittman's 2024 numbers were his least productive season since his rookie season. Now, for the first time since 2021, both are operating at full throttle, and the difference is becoming increasingly evident. **WHAT NEEDS HELP** Finding a secondary rusher. Taylor doesn't just lead the league in rushing, he also has a league-high 60 carries. That puts him on pace for a career-high 340. While Taylor is more than capable of being that type of workhorse back, finding someone to lighten the load slightly should be a priority in future weeks.

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Miami jumps to No. 2 behind Ohio State in AP Top 25, Oklahoma into top 10

BY ERIC OLSON
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Miami jumped LSU and Penn State into the No. 2 spot behind Ohio State in The Associated Press college football poll on Sunday while Oklahoma climbed into the top 10 for the first time in two years and Indiana and Texas Tech made big moves after lopsided wins over Top 25 opponents. The Hurricanes have beaten two ranked opponents, and they turned in another complete performance in a 19-point home win over Florida to earn their highest ranking since 2017. Penn State, which had been No. 2 since the preseason, was idle and slipped to No. 3. LSU fell one spot to No. 4 after an easy win over Southeastern Louisiana of the second-tier Football Championship Subdivision. No. 5 Georgia and No. 6 Oregon held their positions and were followed by No. 7 Oklahoma, which beat previously ranked Auburn at home and returned to the top 10 for the first time since it started 7-0 in 2023. Florida State, Texas A&M and Texas round out the top 10.

Ohio State had an open date and received 52 of 66 first-place votes from the media panel. Miami got seven first-place votes, four more than a week ago. Penn State had five first-place votes and Oregon and Oklahoma each received one. Indiana had played one of the softest schedules in the country through three games before raising eyebrows with its 63-10 hammering of then-No. 9 Illinois. The Hoosiers made the biggest move up, climbing eight spots to No. 11. Texas Tech got a five-rung promotion to No. 12 for its 24-point win at Utah. The Red Raiders won easily despite playing backup quarterback Will Hammond most of the second half in place of an injured Behren Morton.

IN AND OUT

No. 24 TCU beat SMU to go 3-0 and earn its first regular-season ranking since it was a fixture in the top 10 the second half of the 2022 season. The Horned Frogs, beaten 65-7 by Georgia in the national title game that season, were No. 17 in the 2023 preseason poll and hadn't been back since. No. 25 BYU, which finished

last season No. 13, picked up a road win at East Carolina and is ranked for the first time this season. Utah (16) and Auburn (22) dropped out.

POLL POINTS

— Oklahoma is the lowest-ranked team to receive a first-place vote in a regular season since then-No. 7 Washington got one on Sept. 24, 2023. — Illinois' 53-point loss at Indiana was the most lopsided in Bret Bielema's five seasons and caused the Illini to tumble from No. 9 to No. 23. — The last time Miami was ranked as high as in back-to-back polls in November 2017, when Mark Richt's Hurricanes were 9-0 and 10-0. That team lost three straight to end the season. — Texas Tech has its highest ranking since Kliff Kingsbury's first team was No. 10 following a 7-0 start in 2013.

CONFERENCE CALL

SEC (10) — Nos. 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17, 18, 20. Big Ten (7) — Nos. 1, 3, 6, 11, 19, 21, 23. Big 12 (4) — Nos. 12, 14, 24, 25. ACC (3) — Nos. 2, 8, 16. Independent (1) — No. 22.

RANKED VS. RANKED

No. 4 LSU at No. 13 Mississippi: They've split the last four meetings. Garrett Nussmeier dealt the Rebels a crushing overtime loss last year, throwing the tying touchdown with 27 seconds left in regulation. No. 6 Oregon at No. 3 Penn State: It's a rematch of last year's Big Ten championship game, a 45-37 Oregon win that made the Ducks 13-0 and the No. 1 seed in the College Football Playoff. Ducks have beaten four overmatched opponents by an average of 41.5 points per game. Penn State's schedule has been even easier. No. 17 Alabama at No. 5 Georgia: Crimson Tide has won nine of 10 meetings since 2008. The loss was the 2021 season's national championship game. Bulldogs have won 33 straight at home, the nation's longest active streak. No. 21 Southern California at No. 23 Illinois: Two teams on different tracks. The unbeaten Trojans are averaging 52.5 points per game. The Illini were riding high until they gave up 63 at Indiana. First meeting since the 2008 Rose Bowl.

Bengals face issues with Browning, run game after record loss

BY JOE REEDY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cincinnati Bengals fans over the years have learned to expect the worst. Yet what happened Sunday at Minnesota was beyond their worst nightmares. In their first game this season without franchise quarterback Joe Burrow, the Bengals lost 48-10 to the Vikings, the worst defeat by point margin in franchise history. It was Cincinnati's 13th loss by at least 35 points. With myriad problems on offense, at least the Bengals (2-1) have an extra day to prepare. They play at Denver next Monday night. “Finding the balance of like, knowing, sitting in that feeling, knowing how it feels, going through watching the film and addressing the issues, but not letting this emotion of how you feel after a game like that, turn it into a bad locker (room),” quarterback Jake Browning said. “Trying to separate what you put on film from the emotion of how you're feeling after having a very poor game.” Browning has thrown five interceptions since replacing Burrow during the second quarter of the Bengals' Week 2 win over Jacksonville. He completed two of his first three passes before Isaiah Rodgers picked off a pass intended for Chase Brown and went 87

yards for a pick-6. Browning has been pressured on 26 of his 63 drop-backs, a 41.3% rate that's the fifth highest in the league. Cincinnati quarterbacks — Burrow, Browning and Brett Rypien — have been sacked 10 times, tied for fifth most. Besides Browning's interceptions, Cincinnati fumbled three times. Two of the turnovers resulted in defensive touchdowns — both by Rodgers. The other three miscues were converted by Minnesota into 17 points. The biggest thing the Bengals could do to help Browning would be to address their run game. They are averaging a league-low 2.4 yards per carry. Chase Brown had only 3 yards on 10 attempts, becoming the first player since Saquon Barkley had 1 yard on 13 rushes for the Giants in a 2019 game against the Jets to have 3 yards or fewer and double-digit carries. The Bengals have only one rush of at least 12 yards in three games. “There's a lot we have to prove in the run game,” Taylor said. “It's not pretty right now. We're not going to run from that. We have to do a great job identifying the scheme that we've got a lot of confidence in to be able to give the running backs opportunity, and our

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David Campbell

Southwestern’s Hadlie Buchanan intensely awaits the serve during the Rebels’ loss to Madison on Tuesday.

MADISON

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individual stats were available. Carroll, now 3-13 overall, 0-8 31st District, traveled to Henry County on Thursday, hosts Cornerstone Christian on Monday and heads to

Owen County on Tuesday.

SWITZ DROPS TWO MATCHES

Switzerland County lost a pair of Ohio River Valley Conference volleyball matches earlier this week. On Tuesday, Switzerland lost at Jac-Cen-Del 3-0 (25-14, 25-16, 26-24). On

Wednesday, the Pacer fell 3-0 (25-10, 25-19, 25-19) at home to Rising Sun. No stats were available for either match.

Switzerland, now 2-14 overall, 0-2 ORVC, competes in the Marc Baum Invitational at Southwestern on Saturday and travels to Medora on Tuesday.

SILENCE

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yard punt return.

They extended their school-record home winning streak to 12, produced the program's most lopsided victory over a top-10 opponent and finished with the highest point total in a Big Ten game featuring a top-10 opponent, surpassing the previous mark of 62 that Ohio State did twice against Michigan.

And they were so dominant, Cignetti could only muster two words for what he wanted to see from his team in the second half: more points.

Illinois, meanwhile, suffered its worst loss since a 63-0 decision against Iowa in 2018, and there was no

way to sugarcoat this debacle. “It’s sickening, it really is to go in full confidence expecting to win,” Altmeyer said after going 14 of 22 with 146 yards and one TD. “I address the fans, the team in general: I didn’t play well at all, I just didn’t. Overall, our whole team, it’s hard to face right now, but the sun’s going to come up tomorrow, and we better make the most of it. But it is very sickening and very frustrating.”

Certainly, there will be better days ahead for the Fighting Illini (3-1, 0-1) and more big tests for the Hoosiers, who visit Oregon and Penn State later this season.

But the blunt-talking Cignetti knows the questions will keep coming and restrained himself from

explaining the message that Indiana sent Saturday night.

“I don’t control that, I only control the development of our football team,” he said. “I felt very confident about this game going in, based on what I saw on film and there’s a lot of football still to be played.”

The next test comes when the Hoosiers make their first road trip of the season — to Iowa — next weekend, and Cignetti’s players want everyone to know that they still have something to prove.

“This just shows no matter who we’re playing, we’re always going to come out hard,” receiver Omar Cooper Jr. said. “It shows we’re still hungry from last year. We feel like we missed out on a chance, and we’re trying to get back and do better than we did last year.”

COURIERAREA

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PIRATES

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the bases for his first career inside-the-park homer. Then, Tyler Stephenson added a solo homer with one out in the ninth to tie it at 2. Jack Suwinski’s RBI double in the 10th put the Pirates ahead 3-2, but the Reds rallied and scored on a sacrifice fly by Gavin Lux.

Reds right-hander Hunter Greene allowed two runs on

five hits in six innings with two walks and seven strikeouts. Greene topped 100 mph with five pitches and has thrown 295 pitches of 100 mph or more, most among starters and second only to reliever Mason Miller, who began the night with 405.

KEY MOMENT

Stephenson narrowly missed a game-tying home run by inches in the fifth when he doubled high off the center field wall. Skenes struck out the final two batters to strand

Stephenson at third.

KEY STAT

Skenes recorded his 211th strikeout in the second inning, a single-season franchise record for a right-handed pitcher, surpassing Mitch Keller's 210 in 2023.

UP NEXT

Pirates RHP Braxton Ashcraft (4-3, 2.62) and Reds LHP Nick Lodolo (8-8, 3.44) will start Thursday's series finale.

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BENGALS

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guys need to step up and do a great job with that scheme. “I think it’s unfair to put it on a player. It’s on all of us offensively, collectively, to find a better answer. I do think we’ve faced three challenging defenses early in the season. You can’t make any excuse for that. We’ve got to find our way to put pressure on them. And stop saying it’s about the defense. There’s got to be moments where we attack the defense and put them on their heels. We’ve just got to find some momentum in drives to be able to do that and (on Sunday) we were far from finding momentum on drives.” If the Bengals don’t address their run game quickly, Burrow

and the franchise might be playing meaningless games by the time he is ready to return in mid-December. Burrow was in the locker room on Monday, three days after undergoing surgery on his left toe.

WHAT’S WORKING

Ryan Rehkow leads the NFL in gross punting average at 54.0 yards. Rehkow averaged 54.7 yards on six punts against the Vikings.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

One area of particular concern for the defense is not stopping the quick passing game. Minnesota’s Carson Wentz completed 9 of 12 passes for 101 yards and two touchdowns when throwing in 2.5 seconds or sooner. Cincinnati has faced 56 quick passes this season, fourth most in the league, and has allowed 41

completions for 375 yards and four touchdowns.

STOCK UP

DT Kris Jenkins had six tackles, including 1 1/2 sacks, in 26 defensive snaps.

STOCK DOWN

WR Andrei Iosivas, fifth on the team with 36 receptions last season, has only one catch this season. He saw 35 offensive snaps on Sunday, but was not targeted.

INJURIES

TE Noah Fant is in the concussion protocol. RG Dalton Risner (calf) and RB Samaje

Perine (thumb) also suffered injuries during the game and will be evaluated during the week. CB Cam Taylor-Britt (hamstring) and DE Shemar Stewart (ankle) were inactive against the Vikings.

KEY NUMBERS

0 — Wins by the Bengals at Minnesota in seven regular-season trips.
31 — Points Bengals trailed by at halftime (34-3), matching the largest halftime deficit in franchise history (31-0 to the Lions in 1970).
12 — Three-and-outs by the offense in 34 possessions. The 35.3% rate is second highest

in the league.

WHAT’S NEXT

The Bengals make their first prime-time appearance of the season next Monday when they visit Denver (1-2). They have won three of their last four meetings against the Broncos, including a 30-24 overtime victory in Week 17 last season that kept their playoff hopes alive for one more week.



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Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana Plan Commission will hold its **REGULAR MEETING** on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 5:30 P.M., at the Jefferson County Surveyor's Office, 315 Jefferson Street, Madison, Indiana, 47250. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and review Solar Application fees. The Plan Commission may consider any other business that comes before it at this date and time. **BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA PLAN COMMISSION.** By: Taylor Baulac, Administrative Staff, Jefferson County Plan Commission.



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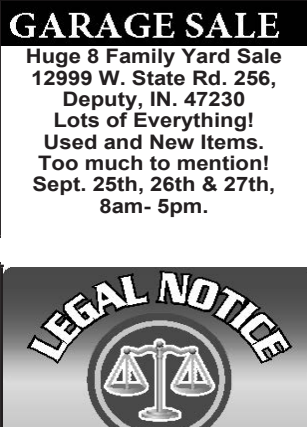
Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. at the Jefferson County Surveyor's Office, 315 Jefferson Street, Madison, Indiana. The purpose of this meeting is to hear a Special Exception application, filed by Amanda Harsin, property at 6152 N Graham Road, Madison, IN. 47250, Monroe Township, AG District, Parcel# 39-03-36-300-008.001-010. The application is to request continuance to operate a dog kennel within the AG zoning district. The Board of Zoning Appeals may consider any other business that comes before it at this date and time. **BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.** By: Taylor Baulac, Secretary, Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE is hereby given that on September 16, 2025, Charles L. Myers II was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Charles L. Myers, who died on June 17, 2025.

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/s/Tabitha Eblen
Clerk, Madison County Circuit Court (SEAL)

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GIRLS

FROM PAGE B2

Shawe coach Ron Lanham said. "We took 31 shots and our passing was less then good; it needs a little work but that had a lot to do with the great defense that the Raiders played."

Shawe, now 8-2 overall and 3-0 Ohio River Valley Conference, hosted Rising Sun on Thursday, and travels to Class A No. 5 Switzerland County next Thursday.

CARROLL FALLS TO COLLINS

Carroll County suffered an 8-0 loss at Collins on Monday.

Goalie Brooklyn Rose had eight saves for the Panthers.

On Wednesday, Carroll hammered Owen County 8-0. No stats were available.

Carroll, now 6-7 on the season, 4-0 31st District, closes out the regular season at home against Bourbon County on Oct. 1.

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E. Adjournment
F. Next Meeting: November 10, 2025 at 5:30 PM
For the purpose of hearing oral comments concerning the listed applications, a public hearing will be held on October 14, 2025, at 5:30 PM in City Hall, 101 W. Main St., Madison, IN 47250. You are hereby advised that a copy of said proposal is on file for examination before the hearing in the Office of Planning, Preservation, & Design, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250. Written objections to the proposal that are filed with the secret-ary of the commission be-fore the hearing will be con-sidered. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
BY ORDER OF THE MADIS-ON CITY PLAN COMMISS-ION
Nicole M Schell, Director of Planning
Commission Members/ Ap-pointing Authority/ Term of Appointment
Patrick Thevenow City Coun-cil 01/18/2024 - 12/31/2027
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Josh Wilber City Council 01/23/2024 - 12/31/2027
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JONES

FROM PAGE B3

STOCK UP

TE Tyler Warren. On a day the rookie caught only three passes for 38 yards, his biggest impact came as the lead blocker on Taylor's long scoring run. Steichen calls Warren a throwback type of

player, and he's demon-strated that in multiple ways each of the first three weeks. He also has a team-high 14 receptions.

STOCK DOWN

WR Josh Downs. It's not that Downs has done anything wrong, but for the second time in three games the usually busy slot receiver has been targeted only three times. He

caught two passes for 34 yards but has only 10 catches for 97 yards this seasons.

INJURIES

The Colts had two Pro Bowl

CBs unable to finish Sunday's game. Kenny Moore II started with an interception return for a TD on the game's third play but eventually left with a calf injury. And CB Char-

varius Ward, who cleared the concussion protocol last week, left in the second half with an undisclosed injury. WR Alec Pierce also left with a con-cussion.

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LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Public Hearing for Special Exception
Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana, Board of Zoning Appeals on October 7 2025, at 5:00 o'clock, P.M. at the Jefferson County Surveyor's Office, located at 315 Jefferson St., Courthouse Annex Bldg.,Madison, Indiana, will conduct a public hearing for a Special Exception.
Interested persons may appear in person or by counsel to present their views upon the proposed application for a Special Exception. Written comments or objections to this application may be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals at/or before the hearing and will be considered by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
The hearing may be continued from time to time as the Board may deem necessary. A copy of the application of the Special Exception is on file in the Jefferson County Plan Commission Of- fice at 315 Jefferson Street, Courthouse Annex Building, Madis- on, Indiana, for public examination. The Jefferson County Plan- ning & Zoning Office can be contacted at 812-274-3928 or by email at taylor.baulac@jeffersoncounty.in.gov
The Nature of the Special Exception is:
To request a special expection to continue operation on a dog kennel in the AG zoning district.
At the following commonly know address: 6152 N Graham Road, Madison, IN, 47250
In Monroe Township and more fully described at Sec 36, T 5, R 10

Application submitted by:
[Amanda Harsin](#)
By order of the Jefferson County, Indiana Board of Zoning Ap-

LEGAL NOTICE

Board of Zoning Appeals Legal Notice
MEETING DATE: October 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM
MEETING PLACE: Madison City Hall-Council Chambers
STREAMING LINK: www.youtube.com/@CityofMadisonIndianaGovernment
A. Roll Call
B. Approval of Minutes
C. Renewals
1. BZCU-23-91: MCKENZIE JACKSON – Conditional Use Per- mit for a Conditional Use Permit for dog grooming and boarding; possible dog bakery and retail sales of canine related items. Loca- tion: 3140 Clifty Dr Zoned: GB 1 Year Renewal
2. BZCU-23-87: Wanda Copeland – Conditional Use Permit for a Conditional Use Permit for a 26-ft x 42-ft manufactured home. Location: 541 SPRING ST Zoned: R-8 2 Year Renewal
3. MICRODOME WIRELESS NETWORKS, INC – Conditional Use Permit for a Conditional Use Permit to utlize upper floor for five (5) to seven (7) condos and/or apartments. Location: 202 JEFFERSON ST Zoned: CBD 3 Year Renewal
4. MICHAEL AND PAULINE JAMEISON - Contract: Oscar Ru- bio – Conditional Use Permit for a Conditional Use Permit for a restaurant. Location: 1111 CLIFTY DR Zoned: M-1 2 Year Re- newal
5. BZCU-23-88: JOSEPH GEYMAN – Conditional Use Permit for a Conditional Use Permit for a crematory service. Location: 1848 E 400 N Zoned: AG 1 Year Renewal
6. BZCU-23-93: CHAD & AMY NICHOLS – Conditional Use Per- mit for a Conditional Use Permit for a Bed & Breakfast. Location: 708 E MAIN ST Zoned: HDR 1 Year Renewal
7. BZCU-23-71: Rebecca Brown / Covert Grove Properties – Conditional Use Permit for a Conditional Use Permit for long- term rentals/apartments consisting of one two-bedroom and two one-bedroom apartments Location: 612 Mulberry St Zoned: HDR 2 Year Renewal
8. BZCU-23-75: Rebecca Brown / Covert Grove Properties – Conditional Use Permit for a Conditional Use Permit for long- term rentals/apartments on 2nd and 3rd floors. Location: 302 West St Zoned: CBD 2 Year Renewal
9. BZCU-23-76: Rebecca Brown / Covert Grove Properties – Conditional Use Permit for a Conditional Use Permit for long- term rentals/apartments on 2nd and 3rd floors. Location: 304 West St Zoned: CBD 2 Year Renewal
10. BZCU-23-68: 604 Mulberry LLC – Conditional Use Permit for a Conditional Use Permit for short and long-term rentals/apart- ments Location: 604 Mulberry St Zoned: HDR 1 Year Renewal
D. Tabled Applications
E. New Applications
1. BZCU-25-20: Rachael Headley on behalf of H4 Rentals LLC –Conditional Use Permit to allow owner to use the duplex as part time short-term rental. Location: 815 W Second St. Zoned: Historic District Residential(HDR)
2. BZCU-25-21: Karen Fellenz –Conditional Use Permit to allow for the addition of an in-home beauty salon. Location: 2247 Seneca Dr. Zoned: Residential Medium Density(R-8)
F. New/Old Business
1. BZCU-23-66: Garrett Leahigh – Conditional Use Permit for a Conditional Use Permit to utlize property as a second residence and short-term rental. Location: 312 E Third St Zoned: CBD 1 Year Renewal
2. BZCU-23-86: ANDERSON'S LAND INVESTMENTS, LLC – Conditional Use Permit for a Conditional Use Permit for Beauty & Barber services. Location: 2920 CLIFTY DR Zoned: M-1 1 Year Renewal
3. BZCU-23-95: Michael Holcak – Conditional Use Permit for a Conditional Use Permit for a short-term AirBNB style rental. Loc- ation: 604 Jefferson St Zoned: HDR 1 Year Renewal
G. Motion to adjourn
H. Next meeting: November 10, 2025
For the purpose of hearing those for or against said applica- tions, a public hearing will be held on October 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM in City Hall, 101 W. Main Street Madison, IN 47250. BY ORDER OF THE MADISON CITY ZONING BOARD OF AP- PEALS
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of the City of Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana that the prop- er legal officers will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at: 101 West Main, Madison, Indiana at 5:30 o'clock pm., on the 7th day of October, 2025.

FUND INFORMATION		
Budget Classification	Additional Amount Requested	Additional Amount Adopted
Fund Name: Sunrise Golf Course NRO - 2212 Sunrise Lease Purchase - Appropriation #2212 028 380 Additional Funds Derived from Previous Surplus in Campground NRO Fund Revenue #2215 620 Total:	\$ 68,300	\$ 68,300
Fund Name: General Fund 1101 CC DOC Contract - Appropriation #1101 003 398 Additional Funds Derived from MVH Restricted Revenue #2203 357 Total:	\$ 63,600	\$ 63,600
Fund Name: Rucker NRO-2214, Sunrise NRO-2212, CO TAX-2209, General Fund-1101, Crystal Beach NRO-2213 Rucker NRO Equipment - Appropriation #2214 028 213 Sunrise GC NRO Repair & Parts – Appropriation # 2212 028 233 Sunrise GC NRO Grounds Repair – Appropriation # 2212 028 363 Sunrise GC NRO Sand & Gravel – Appropriation # 2212 028 234 CO TAX Technology – Appropriation # 2209 230 301 CC Property Insurance – Appropriation # 1101 003 341 Crystal Beach NRO Seasonal Employees – Appropriation # 2213 028 009 Additional Funds Derived from General Fund Revenue #1101 110 Total:	\$ 4,500 \$ 500 \$ 1,000 \$ 1,000 \$ 100,000 \$ 32,174 \$ 13,000 \$ 152,174	\$ 4,500 \$ 500 \$ 1,000 \$ 1,000 \$ 100,000 \$ 32,174 \$ 13,000 \$ 152,174
Fund Name: Airport NRO Fund 2294 Airport NRO Misc. Appropriation #2294 017 235 Additional Funds Derived from Airport Rotary Fund Fuel Sales Revenue #2506 930 Total:	\$ 100,000 \$ 100,000	\$ 100,000 \$ 100,000
Fund Name: Airport NRO Fund 2294 Airport NRO Misc. Appropriation #2294 017 235 Additional Funds Derived from Airport NRO Fund Revenue #2294 925 Total:	\$ 140,000 \$ 140,000	\$ 140,000 \$ 140,000
Fund Name: PPD Nuisance Abatement Fund 2501 Other Services and Charges Appropriation #2501-000-312 Additional Funds Derived from Previous Surplus in Fund Revenue #2501-503 Total:	\$ 16,000.00 \$16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00 \$ 16,000.00

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard on the additional appropriation(s). The Additional Appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government

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SUDOKU

How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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SUDOKU

How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

HOROSCOPE

SEPT. 26

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Connecting with a benevolent source of knowledge could be stabilizing and grounding. Financial concerns may not get much support or understanding but improvement could still be on its way to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Online inspo might offer more help than local family or friends right now. Apply a strategic solution with confidence to the problem at hand. A get-away over the weekend could expand your perceptions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Patience may be needed if you aren't getting the appreciation you might like — continue to do for the sake of getting the job done, not for applause. Enjoy easy companionship with someone close.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your best path forward should be coming into view and conditions should support growth and progress. Don't let a background anxiety upend your sense of wellbeing, take the time to unpack and release it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Discord on the home front may not resolve for a while but may become less in the forefront than it seems to be today. Patience can allow disruptive stars to pass. Proven methods will likely be best for getting big jobs done now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Words could get tangled and meanings distorted. Don't attach too much importance to low-level problems, they should improve soon. Clarify anything you can but keep expectations realistic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Helpful things could be coming your way, and you'll likely have the wisdom to make the most of the changes which are afoot. If a financial resolution isn't immediately forthcoming, give it more time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Reality may be playing hide and seek; it's not a day to make a big decision — either confusion or emotional reactivity could make it hard to know or use the best approach. A friend could ease a situation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're a wise and generous friend who may have a special healing touch. Money and career should be growing, there are many favorable planets in motion to help you grow and rise now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could be part of a power couple even if it's just you and a fur baby — a reciprocal relationship sends support in both directions. Friends could be off on too much of a tangent to help these days.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A freaky Friday vibe at work should shift before the weekend. Tether yourself to your comfort zone if things feel too strange. Take an opportunity to do a good deed, positive energy will always return to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A heart-opening new idea for a career or side gig could be rising in your imagination. Seek out mentors while it develops. A partner might weigh in or even provide some tangible support.

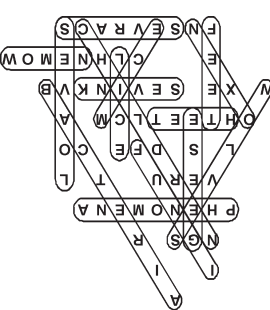
Sudoku solution

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Jumble solution

ALIAS STUNT GENDER ORIOLE
She disagreed with the doctor's treatment plan for her knees, but she had no — LEG TO STAND ON

Sleuth solution



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LAISA

UTTSN

NERDEG

LERIOO

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



WORD SLEUTH

IRREGULAR PLURAL NOUNS

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J H P H E N O M E N A T F E C
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Thursday's unlisted clue: MARTINA

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Friday's unlisted clue hint: PLURAL OF CACTUS

Bacteria	Geese	Mice	Teeth
Children	Knives	Oxen	Wolves
Feet	Lice	Phenomena	Women
Fungi	Loaves	Scarves	

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**

1 CNN founder Turner

4 Author — Neale Hurston

8 "Pyg-malion" writer

12 Altar in the sky

13 Autobahn auto

14 "— nome" ("Rigo-letto" aria)

15 Don in Coopers-town

17 "Beetle Bailey" dog

18 Have at

19 Sch. near Topeka

21 Tank filler

22 Plays the ukulele

26 Ancient Mexican

29 Born

30 Scot's refusal

31 Pastoral greetings

32 Sashimi fish

33 Blaze

34 Away from WSW
- DOWN**

1 "I did it!"

2 Messes up

3 Calendar squares

4 High signs?

5 Lustrous gems

6 Seminary subj.

7 Soviet premier

8 Use elbow

9 Bowler, e.g.

10 Louvre collection

11 Romance

16 Wise ones

20 Sault — Marie

23 One

24 Kate of "The Martian"

25 Crystal gazer

26 Pt. of U.S.A.

27 Region digits

28 Stanley Cup org.

32 In an attentive way

33 Meadow

35 Chemical suffix

36 Equilib-

38 The Gem State

39 Olympic track legend Bolt

42 London gallery

43 Israeli carrier

44 Society newbies

45 Lustrous black

46 Motorist's org.

47 TiVo precursor

49 Night before

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Today's solution

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HOROSCOPE

SEPT. 27

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Process and release any old business hanging around in the back of your mind. Many of the most important areas of your life are getting solid support from the Universe, be patient while all unfolds.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The financial attainments you always thought you wanted could still be shifting as your vibration continues to upgrade. Align with supportive allies while allowing a little more time for things to come into clarity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Get through required tasks as best you can, they could continue to present stupid challenges. Someone close could offer just the comfort or escape you seek. Continue to build even if you u can't see why quite yet.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Some days, what should be play feels like work and what should be work feels like play. Enjoy some time at home if you can, ideas could flow rapidly. You'll find more answers inside than outside now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Resources could come to you even if you can't yet see how, when, or from where they might arrive. Sudden improvements in your wages are one possible source, developing a new skillset is another.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) 'Foot-in-mouth-disease' is a possibility if you speak before you think; if someone else is blathering on, leave them to it. A friendship or creative hobby could bring joy and peace today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Money matters could seem noisy but may actually be less problematic than they currently appear, you are more tightly aligned with improving circumstances than you may think.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Return to your familiar frequency through quiet practice if you feel out of alignment now — nervous system regulation, like clarity, always precedes right action. Quiet routines can be comforting today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Get answers from friends or be the one to give them the intel they've been looking for. People may gravitate to your calm vibe. 'When you work with love there is no work, only love.'

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your tribe may not feel supportive now, they could be stirring up trouble instead of helping you dig the hole to lay it to rest. Nestle in with someone who still feels like home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) If you're off today it could be a huge relief — work or other participation in the outer world hasn't been smooth for a while, but this won't last forever, either. Friends could offer wisdom and support.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A fresh twist on a money matter could help things align and move forward very favorably. Avoid a false guru, spiritual spaces are rife with posers and bypassers. Allow yourself to be silly, play is healing.

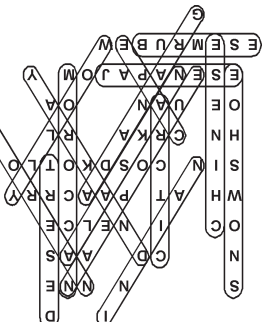
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Jumble solution

JUST OUTWIT SEPTIC
He asked if they could make a timepiece for the wrist, Patek and Philippe said — JUST WATCH US

Sleuth solution



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter

Team Penske turns the tables on Joe Gibbs Racing in 2nd-round opener of NASCAR Cup playoffs

BY NATE RYAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Joe Gibbs Racing has two drivers feuding, but another pair of teammates were the primary concern after the NASCAR Cup Series playoff race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Sunday.

While the JGR Toyotas were struggling and spinning each other on the 1.058-mile oval, the Team Penske Fords of Ryan Blaney and Joey Logano were dominating at a track with similarities to the 1-mile layout at the championship venue where Penske has won three consecutive titles, Phoenix Raceway.

“I think the biggest thing you’ve got to take away from today is that at a 1-mile racetrack, the Penske cars are completely untouchable again,” JGR director of competition Chris Gabehart said. “The reality is we’ve got a lot of work to do.”

After a virtually perfect first round of the playoffs with three consecutive victories, Joe Gibbs Racing opened the second round dealing with an internal squabble of Denny Hamlin vs. Ty Gibbs and an external threat from Penske — which is familiar for championship contenders in NASCAR’s premier series.

Penske has won Cup titles on late-season surges by Blaney, who won two of the final six races in 2023, and Logano, who won two of the last four in ’22 and ’24.

With six races left this season, the team got a head start on its championship push at New Hampshire. Logano started on the pole position and took fourth after leading a race-high 147 of 301 laps. Blaney started second and led 116 laps for his third victory this year.

“We did a great job of preparing, and our cars are



Charles Krupa/AP Photo

Ryan Blaney hoists a lobster in Victory Lane after winning a NASCAR Cup Series race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Sunday in Loudon, N.H.

really fast as a whole,” Blaney said. “It’s huge anytime you can win in the playoffs. It’s just momentum. When you win in the playoffs, it’s just a confidence boost for everybody. Maybe a little weight off your shoulders.”

The burden of playoff pressure has shifted to JGR, which led only 19 laps as its three-race win streak at New Hampshire was snapped. The team’s top finisher was Christopher Bell in sixth — the first time since September 2014 that JGR left New Hampshire without a top five.

“We just didn’t have the pace to run with the top competitors,” said Bell, who has won at Kansas Speedway and the Charlotte Motor Speedway Roval, the last two tracks in the second round. “I feel good about our performance at the next two (races), but I felt good about our performance coming into here and it didn’t turn out.”

As Blaney advanced with a victory, Bell remained a solid bet to be among the other seven contenders who will reach the third round. He is

ranked fourth among the 12 playoff drivers and a spot ahead of Hamlin, who finished 12th after his dustup with Gibbs.

Hamlin had some choice words on his team radio for the grandson of team owner Joe Gibbs, who is out of the playoffs but seemed to impede the progress of his teammates early in the race. Gabehart downplayed the dissension, which he said would be defused in team meetings this week.

“I think there’s a reasonable etiquette to follow,” Gabehart said. “But at the same time, you can’t create an atmosphere where everybody just has to roll over and play nice all the time, either, or you won’t hang as many banners as Joe Gibbs Racing has hung over the years.”

Hamlin was focused more on his disappointing performance than patching things up.

“Certainly, we didn’t come here with our best,” Hamlin said. “Got to get a little faster, get the car handle a little better, and I certainly got to

do a better job.”

Blaney suggested a new right-side tire might have dulled JGR’s edge at New Hampshire.

“I didn’t think they had the pace that I expected,” Blaney said. “This sport is just ebbs and flows, ups and downs. We just hit it really good this weekend. When you have a big tire change, it can really turn you around.”

The same tire will be used for the 2025 season’s final two races at Martinsville Speedway and Phoenix, where Bell won in March.

But Logano clinched his past two titles by winning the championship race at Phoenix, and Blaney captured the 2023 title with a second in the season finale and was runner-up last year.

“The reality is it’s playoff season, and here come the (Penske) cars,” Gabehart said. “Those guys know how to get it done when it counts, and we’ll just have to race them the rest of the year and see how it goes. They’re going to be very tough.”



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Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, the Loyola University men's basketball chaplain and school celebrity, sits for a portrait in The Joseph J. Gentile Arena, on Jan. 23, 2023, in Chicago. T

Sister Jean, longtime Loyola Chicago chaplain and March Madness icon, retires at 106

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Longtime chaplain for Loyola Chicago's men's basketball team, Sister Jean, has retired at 106 because of health concerns. The school's student newspaper, The Loyola Phoenix, announced her retirement earlier this month.

Sister Jean rose to the spotlight during Loyola Chicago's trip to the Final Four in the 2018 NCAA Tournament. She was spotted cheering courtside throughout the Ramblers'

improbable run.

She published a memoir in 2023, "Wake Up with Purpose! What I've Learned in My First 100 Years," sharing lessons she'd learned throughout her life and offering spiritual advice. Sister Jean turned 106 on Aug. 21.

Sister Jean served as the team's chaplain for 30 years, providing players with support, mentorship and encouragement. She became a beloved figure at the university and a local celebrity in the community.

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